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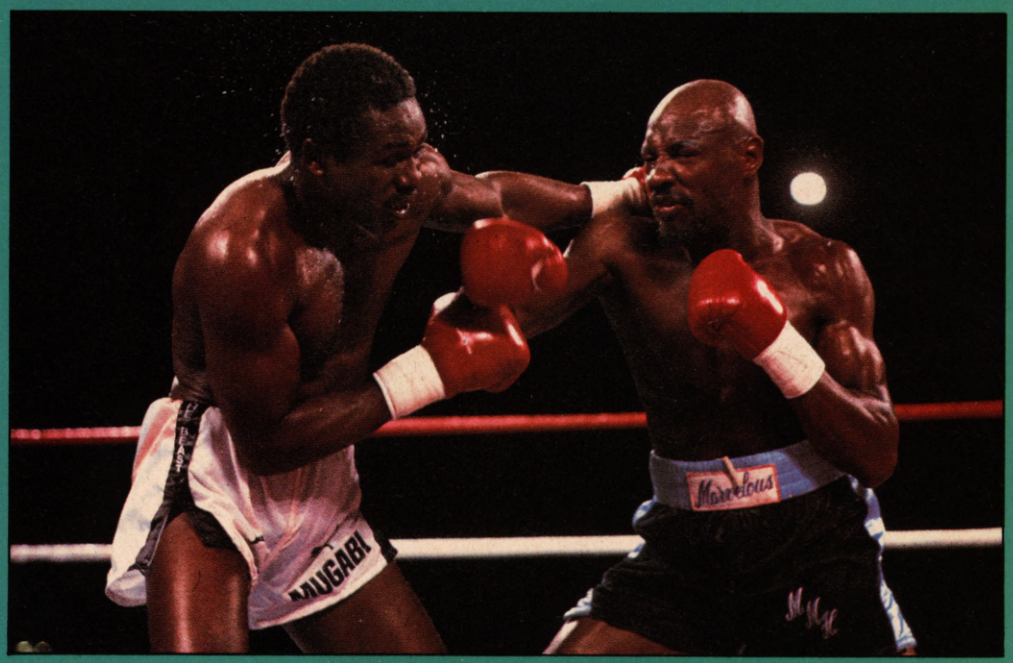

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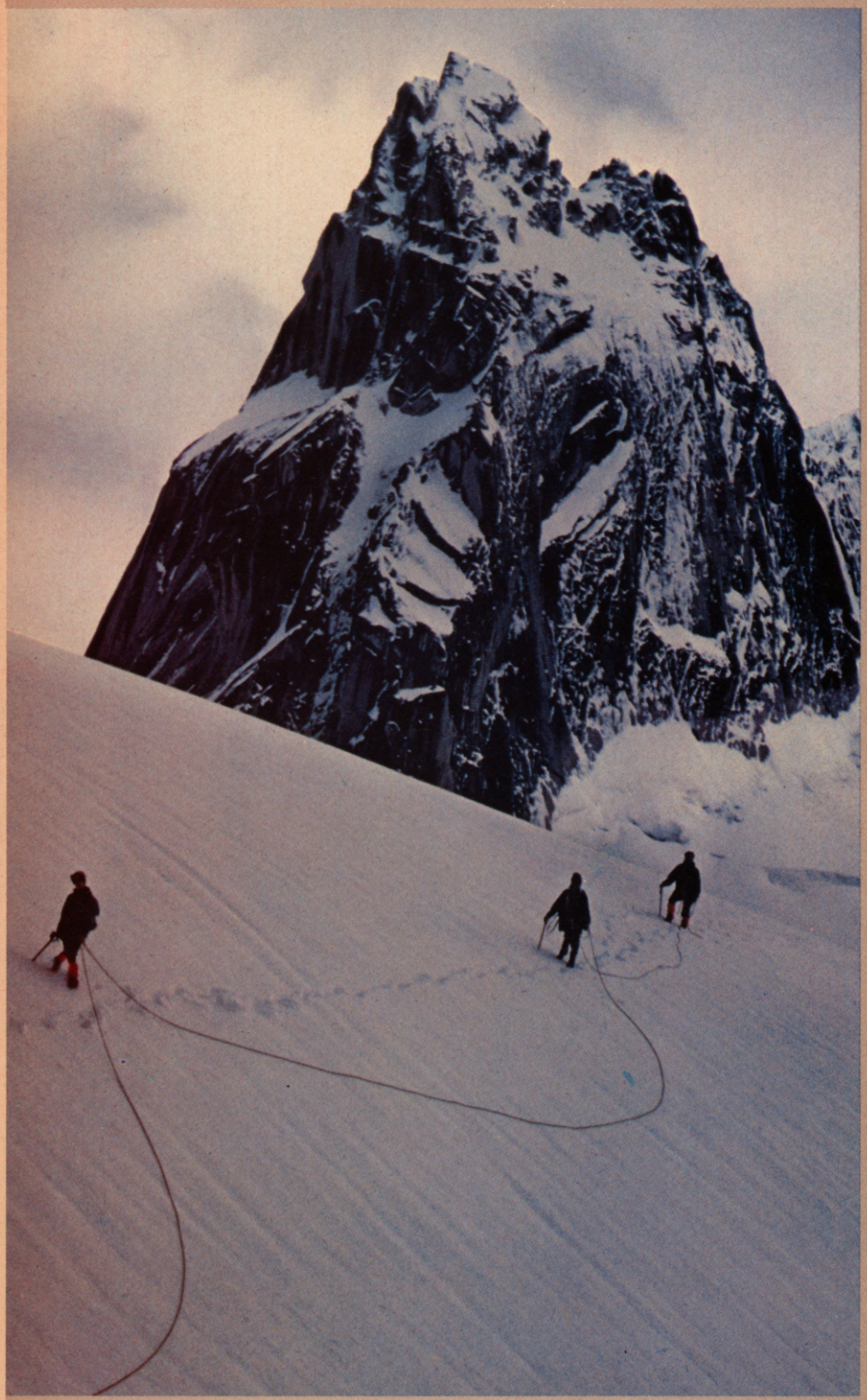

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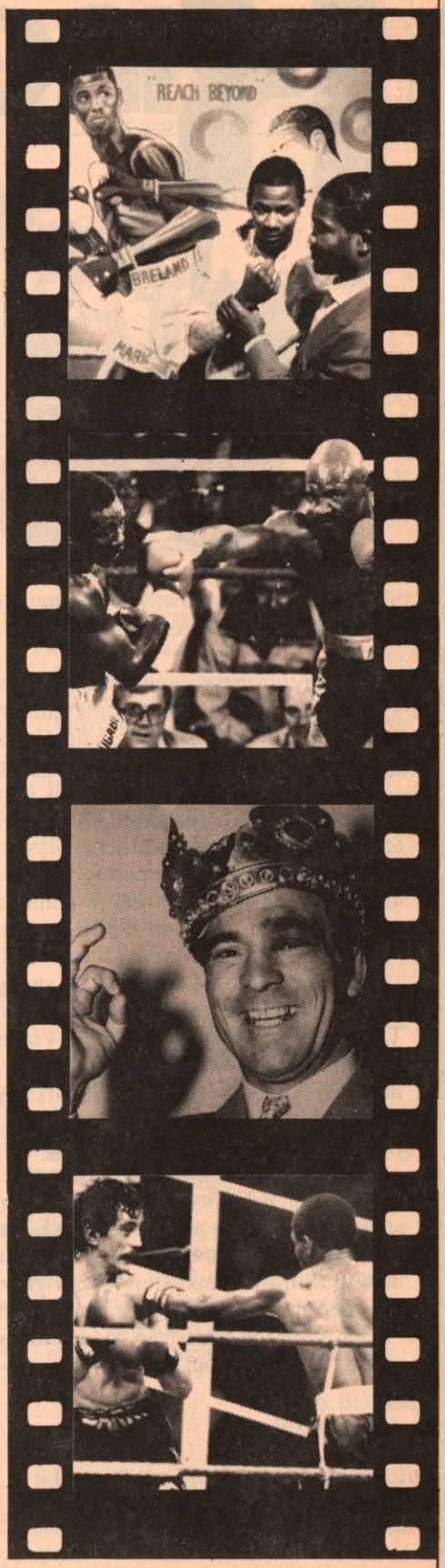

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RingSide

Shush! Don't look now, but boxing is on the upswing. And while we're not exactly on the threshold of a new "Golden Era," signs of health are evident.

Like any business—and rest assured, boxing is a business first and a sport a distant second—boxing would quickly disappear if somebody wasn't making money. The two best indicators of boxing's popularity are turnstile counts and television ratings. Recent months have seen a resurgence in both.

One of the main reasons for this mini-renaissance has been the fact that promoters have rediscovered one of boxing's oldest and most successful formulas: promote the local hero in his hometown. This magic equation had been neglected during the past few decades, the main reason being the love affair between boxing and casino gambling. Although boxing has benefited greatly from this relationship, live gate receipts in Las Vegas, Reno and Atlantic City have suffered, except for a handful of blockbusters each year.

But now the trend seems to be swinging in the other direction, capacity crowds turned out to see Barry McGuigan in Dublin, Ireland (6,000); Mike Tyson in Troy, New York (7,600); Vinnie Pazienza in Providence, Rhode Island (13,228); Willie de Wit in Calgary, Alberta (7,134) and Donald Curry in Fort Worth, Texas (8,600). Small clubs are also holding their own, with reports of sell-out crowds regularly coming from such diverse areas as Irvine, California; Metaire, Louisiana; and Sterling Heights, Michigan.

Boxing also came out on top in several TV ratings battles. During the weekend of February 15-16, the McGuigan-Cabrera fight garnered the top spot for ABC with a 9.0 rating; NBC came in second with 8.8 for the Bramble-Crawley bout. A few weeks later, sports anthologies featuring boxing (Sims-Collins, Curry-Rodriguez and Whitaker-Montes), again recorded the best ratings for Sunday afternoon programing.

Don't tell the American Medical Association, but it looks like there are still a lot of folks out there who love boxing. □

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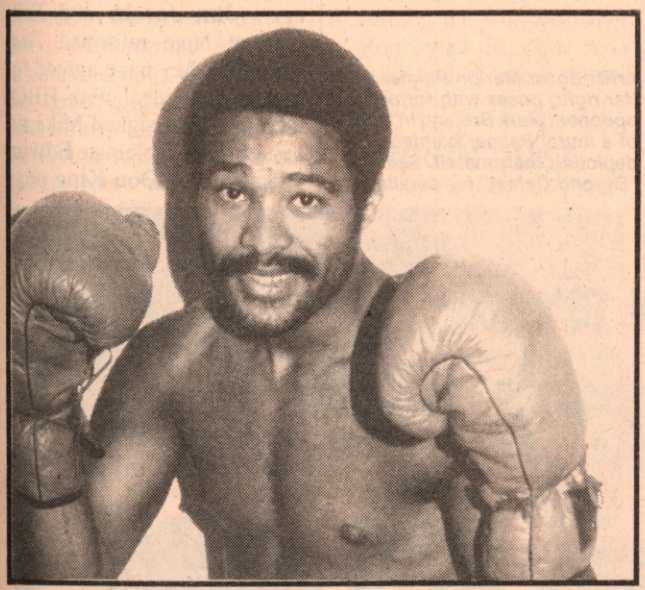


Reader Don Hinkle laments the downfall of former triple champ Wilfred Benitez in this month's "Come Out Writing."

WHO NEEDS IT?

DURING THE WITHERSPOON-TUBBS telecast, HBO announced that it would air a series of fights to unify the heavyweight title. I say: "Big Deal!" This sanity will only be temporary. Boxing doesn't need a unification, rather the abolishment of the three ruling bodies. Unless these three organizations (the WBC, WBA, and IBF) are ended and one world authority evolves, boxing will die slowly and become a mockery.

DANIEL E. KASLOW IV
Grand Rapids, Mich.

ACTIVITY APPRECIATED

I AM VERY RELIEVED TO FINALLY SEE an "active" fighter in the dull heavyweight division. With his recent win over Jesse Ferguson, Mike Tyson has compiled a record of 18 straight wins. I hope some of the other contenders, who fight maybe once or twice a year, learn something from Tyson's example. How can the fans appreciate them if they hardly ever see them in action? At the rate Tyson is going, he should break Rocky Marciano's 49-0 record in about two years.

JESUS JOSE REYES
Holland, Ohio

CURTIS CRITIQUE

IS THERE A SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED qualified referees in Las Vegas? Is that the reason someone keeps hiring Joey Curtis? Curtis' latest "incident took place during the Bramble-Crawley lightweight title fight. When Crawley was badly hurt in the 13th round, Curtis choked. He couldn't determine whether to stop the fight or let it continue. Boxing has enough problems without indecisive referees like Curtis. I've seen Curtis many times on television and he makes mistakes in practically every fight he works. And we all remember what happened in the first Dokes-Weaver fight! Simply put, if Curtis is allowed to continue to referee boxing matches, sooner or later, his indecisiveness and incompetence is going to result in a fighter getting badly hurt.

SCOTT P. STIGLICZ
Clarence Center, N.Y.

IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME?

ALWAYS THE OPTIMIST, I DUTIFULly tuned in to the Matthew Hilton-Wilfred Benitez super welerweight fight. Against all odds, I had hoped to see some of that sweet Benitez skill that he used to so deftly exhibit against the very best in the world. But that was in the past. The 1986 version of Benitez was not the same fighter who had bested Cervantes, Palomino and Duran. Once a great technician and champion, Benitez appears to be washed up at 27. How exceptionally cruel Father Time can be.

In the other corner, Hilton, age 20, celebrated his victory. It was his time. Sure to move up in the ratings, Hilton still has some dues to pay before he gets a title shot. Even then, his opponents will have to be carefully chosen. Woe unto Matthew if he should run into Donald Curry. Then, Hilton's plodding gait and telegraphed hooks will be painfully exposed.

It's a matter of time.

DON HINKLE
Hayward, Cal.

HOLY WAR OVER McGUIGAN LETTER

THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY sometimes omits what some consider important information. One such item: the name of the ass that participated in the story of the Nativity. In reading the January '86 issue of *The Ring* I came upon a letter about Barry McGuigan, written by Rev. Kenneth Burke. After reading the letter, I now know the good Rev. must be a blood relative to the animal in question.

THOMAS BOYLE
Pen Argyl, Pa.

Editor's Note: Mr. Boyle's letter is just one among the many *The Ring* has received in reply to Rev. Burke's comments.

Round One

by Nigel Collins

BEYOND DEFEAT

Usually, when a fighter's career hits the skids, he has little, or nothing, to fall back on. This is especially true for the run-of-the-mill club fighter who never made much money in the first place. Therefore, it is refreshing to learn of one such fighter who has a lot more going for him than a gym bag full of broken dreams.

The highlight of welterweight **Marlon Palmer**'s less-than-spectacular pro career was his six-round losing effort to Olympic hero **Mark Breland**. That much is history. But what most boxing fans don't know is that Palmer is also a gifted artist. Following his loss to Breland, Marlon painted a 10-by-15-foot color mural depicting their bout. Although the work is titled "The Agony of Defeat," it is subtitled "Reach Beyond," a reference to Palmer's commitment to the future.

"Whatever your goals may be, you have to reach beyond the agonies and defeats," said Palmer in an interview published in his hometown Pottstown *Mercury*. "You have to reach beyond what may seem like the most losing proposition. But you can do it, and you can be successful."

It takes a unique individual to discover the key to victory among the ashes of defeat. Palmer is one of them.

REEFER REPRIEVE

Don King, Home Box Office, and most of all **Tim Witherspoon**, breathed a huge sigh of relief when WBA president **Gilberto Mendez** ruled that Witherspoon would not be stripped of the WBA heavyweight title on the basis of their anti-drug rule. Witherspoon, who admitted smoking marijuana sometime before winning the title from **Tony Tubbs**, was fined $25,000 and ordered to fight a rematch with Tubbs within 90 days. The winner will then be obligated to defend against the WBA's top contender, **Frank Bruno**. "Mr. Mendoza's decision was to make the punishment fit the crime. He apparently felt that to strip him of the title would be excessive," said **James J. Binns**, general counsel for the WBA. "Witherspoon's contrite attitude and the realization of the severity of the offense was also a factor."

TYSON TIDBITS

Mike Tyson's timetable of two fights per month was briefly interrupted in late February when Mike was TKO'd by a bout with bronchiectasis. However, the Tyson Express is back on schedule. Co-managers **Jim Jacobs** and **Bill Cayton** have informed *The Ring* that they have agreed to a three-fight deal with HBO and have also signed Mike to appear with stablemate **Edwin Rosario** on a **Don King** pro-

PHOTO BY TOM KELLY

Artist/Boxer Marlon Palmer (far right) poses with former opponent Mark Breland in front of a mural Palmer painted depicting their match. See "Beyond Defeat" for details.

Round One

motion at **Madison Square Garden** in June. Rosario will challenge none other than **Hector Camacho** for the WBC lightweight belt while Tyson tackles a top-10 contender . . . Mike recently joined the celebrity sandwich set when the management of New York's **Stage Delicatessen** named a tripledecker consisting of turkey, pastrami, roast beef, swiss cheese, cole slaw, and Russian dressing after him. The only other boxer honored by the famed showbiz deli is **Muhammad Ali** . . . In a more serious vein, Tyson has agreed to give a series of talks at his old *alma mater*—the Tryton School for Boys in upstate New York. The request came from **Gov. Mario Cuomo** and State Athletic Commission Chairman **Jose Torres**, who figure a visit from Mike would be a positive influence on the troubled kids at the institution . . .

POLICE BLOTTER

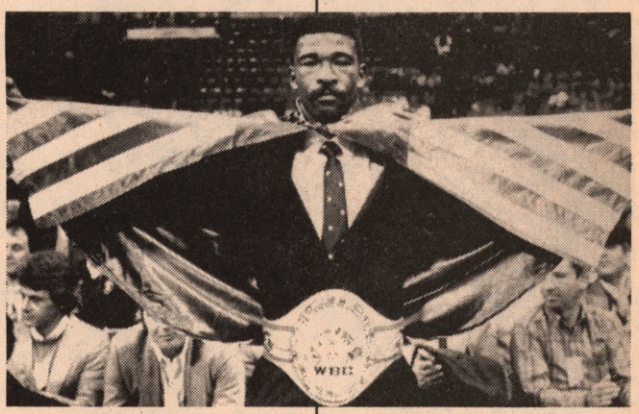
Welterweight **Dwight Williams** was sentenced to 82 years to life for the fatal stabbing of two little girls who would not stop screaming while Williams was raping the mother of one of them. Williams, 28, was **Mark Breland's** first opponent . . . Former heavyweight contender **Ron Lyle**, who has a long and troubled history of run-ins with the law, faces a court hearing on two assault charges in Denver. According to published reports, Lyle is accused of beating the woman owner of Ron Lyle's Ringside boxing club and of shoving a police officer.

ROSIN DUST

There's been both good news and bad news for **Gerry Cooney** lately . . . The good news is that Gerry received decent reviews following his appearance on TV's *Spencer For Hire*. Cooney played the role of a bodyguard who beats up the show's star, **Robert Urich**. . . . The bad news is that Gerry's Long Island restaurant, Cooney's East Side, went belly-up. The pub has reopened as Cooney's Brass Cricket, but is no longer associated with the semi-retired heavyweight . . . Cruiserweight **Francis Sargent**, who said he threw his fight with **Craig Bodziamowski** and then quickly recanted, was suspended for six months by the Illinois Department of Registration and Education. "We found no evidence that Francis Sargent threw the fight. However, our review indicates that Sargent may not have given 100 percent," said Glen Crick, director of enforcement . . . Unruly crowd behavior during some of the preliminary rounds of the **New York Golden Gloves** may force the Metropolitan Amateur Boxing Federation to take bouts out of neighborhood clubs. A show at a Flatbush high school was marred by racial slurs and beer-cup throwing by the predominantly white crowd . . . **Con O'Connor**, cruiserweight champion of New South Wales, was found murdered in Australia. His charred body was discovered in a burned car. An autopsy revealed that O'Connor, 28, had been shot first and then dumped in the trunk. Police do not think the crime is boxing related . . . The **Boxing Writers Association of America** will hold their 61st annual awards dinner on May 23rd at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City . . . The IBF has nominated Philadelphian **Gary Hinton** and **Reyes Cruz** of the Dominican Republic to box for their junior welterweight title, which was vacated when **Aaron Pryor** failed to defend . . . Former WBC heavyweight champion **Ken Norton** was seriously injured when his $50,000 Excalibur sports car went over an embankment at the entrance ramp to the Santa Monica Freeway. Ken, who now works as an actor and business agent for athletes, suffered a skull fracture and broken jaw and underwent surgery at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. "The prognosis is good, but he's probably going to be here for up to two weeks," said hospital spokesman Ron Wise .

PUNCH LINES

NBC boxing analyst **Dr. Ferdie Pacheco**, on learning that videocassettes of the two Muhammad Ali-**Leon Spinks** bouts were selling for $89.95: "Hell, for that money, Leon will come to your house." □



WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

No, this is not Captain America. It's WBC light heavyweight champion J.B. Williamson trying to drum up interest in a unification match between himself and WBA boss Marvin Johnson. Although Williamson currently lives in California, he is originally from Johnson's hometown of Indianapolis, and former stablemate of Marvin's.

Promoter Don King, attorney Charles Lomax and WBA heavyweight champion Tim Witherspoon testify during a hearing to determine whether Witherspoon would forfeit the title because he smoked marijuana. Read "Reefer Reprieve" for details.

NIGHT OF KNOCKOUTS

Hagler Hedges On Hearns Rematch After Taming The Beast

by Jack Welsh

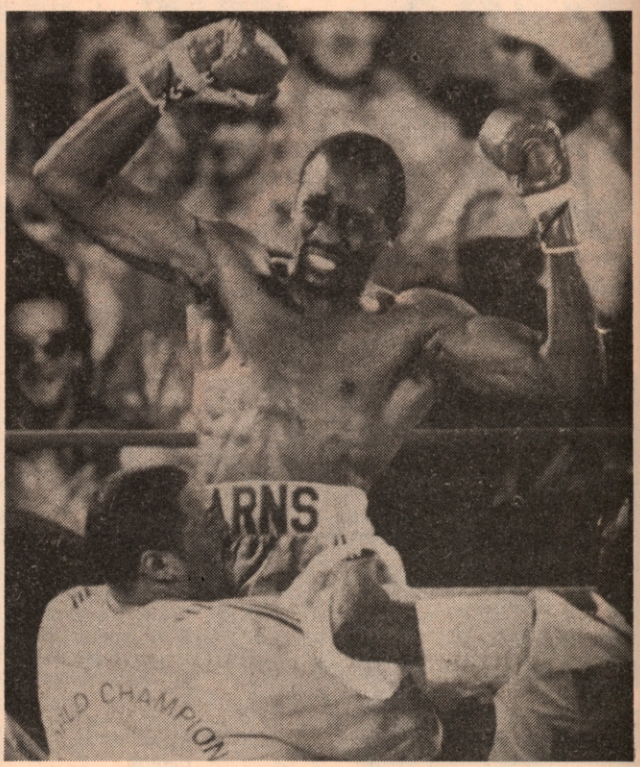
Still the Boss. Marvelous Marvin Hagler is hoisted aloft by Pat and Goody Petronelli shortly after Knocking out John (The Beast) Mugabi for his 12th successful defense of the world middleweight title.

IT SEEMED SLIGHTLY INCONGRUOUS viewing Marvelous Marvin Hagler nattily attired in a soft brown business suit for a post-fight press conference on a rainy night in March when a jump suit would have been far more appropriate. Perhaps the 31-year-old undisputed world middleweight champion figured since he needed 40 minutes for a medical touchup on a battered right eye, he might as well give it the full shot, arriving ala *Gentleman's Quarterly*.

Maybe as much as anything, Hagler had to scurry to Caesars Palace's gift shop in Las Vegas to find tinted sun glasses large enough to do justice to Carol Channing. For weeks, Marvelous Marvin had been promising to become the "Beastmaster" against an authentic African foe named John Paul Mugabi. As things turned out, this safari was a little more exhausting than anticipated before Hagler decisively proved his point.

Yet before the bald-pated titleholder from Brockton, Massachusetts disposed of Mugabi with a knockout at 1:29 of the 11th round, Mickey Duff's 1980 Russian Olympics discovery out of Kampala, Uganda swapped his alleged kayo power for some pretty good counter-punching, leaving Hagler with an acorn-like, closing right eye, and spittles of blood on his lower lip.

In some respects, Hagler had a hard act



Thomas (Hit Man) Hearns celebrates his sensational first round knockout over James Shuler. The impressive victory set the stage for Hagler-Hearns II.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS FARINA

to follow. One of his recent victims, Thomas (Hit Man) Hearns, had preceded him into the canopy-covered ring, scoring a chilling first round knockout over James Shuler, the previously undefeated Philadelphian. When somebody said Hearns had to win spectacularly over Shuler to climb back into the path of Hagler, he didn't exactly mean in 1:30 minutes. But that's exactly what the 27-year-old World Boxing Council super welteweight champion did in picking up a sectional title he doesn't particularly need or want.

Hearns blasted the 26-year-old Shuler with a 10-punch blitzkreig to relieve him of the North American Boxing Federation middleweight crown in a matchup scheduled for 12-rounds.

Hearns had to inflict his handywork in a steady rain, but by the time Hagler and Mugabi arrived for their once-postponed assignment, rain drops were no longer falling on anybody's head. All 15,254 seats were filled, creating a paid live gate around $3.5 million.

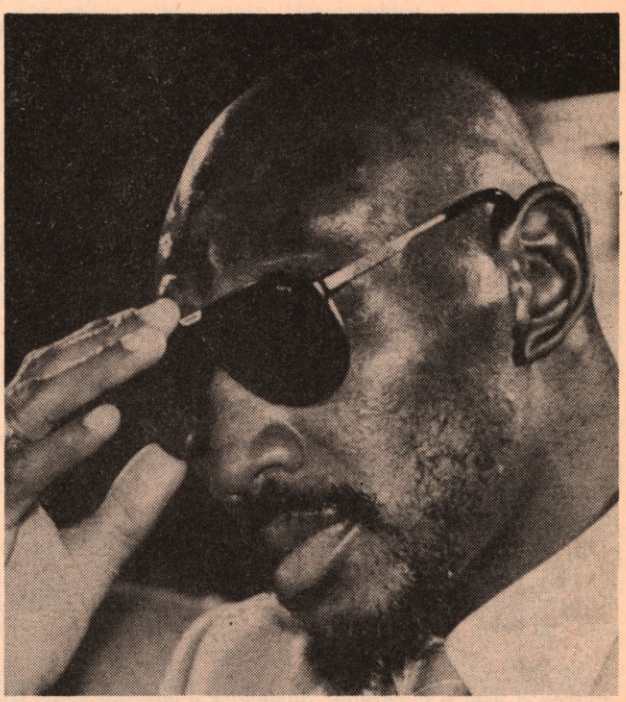
Bob Arum, resident genius of Top Rank's promotional bastion in New York, couldn't have produced the ultimate results any better if he had been permitted to write a script. He now has attractive ingredients for Hagler-Hearns II. But just when it looked like everything was coming together for the rematch, Hagler balked at the proposed June date, and even talked about retiring.

Hagler, who took an unusually long hibernation in his dressing room before meeting the press, didn't seem anxious to fight anybody in the coming months.

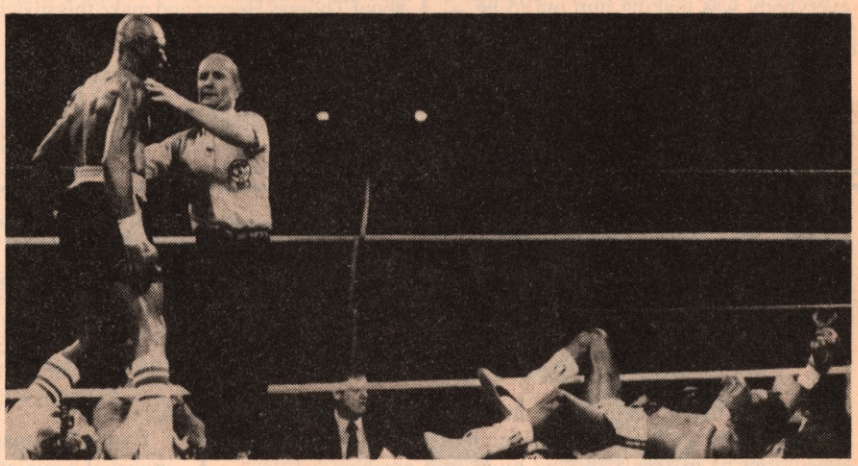
"I refuse to commit myself to anything until I go home and take a little rest," said Marvin, who earned $3 million plus percentages compared with $800,000 for Mugabi. He has now successfully defended his crown 12 times and is just three fights shy of eclipsing Carlos Monzon's record of 14.

Most surprising to Hagler admirers was the fact that this defense was one of the most demanding since Marvin won the 160-pound diadem by destroying Britain's Alan Minter.

There will still be a super-spectacular at Caesars Palace in June date originally designed for Hagler-Hearns II. Donald Curry will challenge Mike McCallum for the World Boxing Association junior middleweight crown and Robbie Sims, Hagler's younger brother, will meet former triple world champion Roberto Duran in a 10-round middleweight elimination bout.



The "Marvelous One" dons sunglasses to camouflage the effects of Mugabi's punches.



Referee Mills Lane sends Marvelous Marvin to a neutral corner after Hagler floored John Mugabi with a series of rights to the head in the 11th round of their Las Vegas thriller.

AP LASERPHOTOS

The day before Hagler proved too much for a super courageous Mugabi, the champion's brother qualified for Duran by destroying John Collins of Chicago in the first round to take the latter's United States Boxing Association middleweight laurels in Caesars' outdoor arena.

Arum was amazed over the brevity (2:46) of Sims' victory.

"Robbie's victories are usually over the distance; he's not that big of a puncher," the promoter said. "Sims would never fight Hagler for obvious reasons, but he's definitely the policeman. Anybody who wants a future shot at Marvin has to go through Robbie first. That means Roberto Duran, James Kinchen, or anybody else."

The day after the fight, when somebody reminded Hagler of the unconfirmed rumor that he might retire rather than fight again, the relaxed champion took a deep breath and said: "Let me contradict myself a little bit, let me slow down because it's just after a tough fight. Let me give myself a little time so I can be straight and honest with you. Okay? Whatever happens you'll be the first to know. I want to thank all the people who came out (in 45-degree weather). First, I want to give John (The Beast) Mugabi all the credit in the world. It takes two to tango . . . it takes a good fighter to bring the best out in the other guy, and he gave me a very good fight tonight.

"You guys know I love a good fight. I am a fighter who walks, talks, and thinks fighting, but I try not to look like it. I think Mugabi should go after the junior middleweights because he'll beat most of them down there."

Hagler ranks Mugabi alongside Juan Domingo Roldan and Hearns as his toughest opponents during a career that now glistens with a 61-2-2, (52 kayoes) record. He hasn't been beaten in 10 years.

"He's as tough as Roldan and Hearns because Mugabi won't quit. He didn't know what it is to lose," Marvelous Marvin raved. "If this first loss after 26 victories doesn't affect his confidence, Mugabi will bounce right back.

"I thought I had him in the sixth, and the bell saved him once. I thought the referee should have stopped it sooner. I know if Mugabi had got up again, he might have been seriously hurt."

Going in, Mugabi was viewed by boxing's cynics as an overblown junior middleweight, adroitly maneuvered by Duff into a title shot. Coming out, Mugabi, battered but unbowed, was acknowledged as a true warrior whose chin can never be questioned again, and who is, in fact, more of an effective counter-puncher than the big bomber everybody was making him out to be.

Sitting with Duff on dais in Caesars' Sports Pavilion, Mugabi looked bewildered, but proud as he peered out at his inquisitors behind distorted features. The left eye appeared to be closing, the right side of his face lumpy.

"It was a great fight . . . I tried to beat Marvin Hagler . . . he's a great champion," the division's number one challenger declared. "I bruised my right hand in the sixth round. I tried my best. Marvin's a great champion and all . . . he's a great fighter. I did my best."

Then Duff took over.

"What I say to you now, gentlemen, in no way detracts from the performance of Marvelous Marvin Hagler . . . he is truly marvelous," the British-based promoter/manager intoned. "Having said that, let me say this . . . Marvin had a wealth of experience on John. John has never been in this type of fight.

"This time he weathered a sharky third and sixth round, which, incidentally, is when he rather badly hurt the top of his thumb on this right hand. But this is no excuse. It probably has a hairline fracture because he can't bend it. Later he bruised the corner knuckle of his left hand. All things considered, why don't we forget about Thomas Hearns and make this match again?"

Mugabi showed the world what reaching down for that little extra is really all about when it appeared Hagler might take him out in a viciously energized sixth round.

"He hurt his hand, and came back, telling me, 'My hand is very bad'," Mickey reflected. "I said to him, 'John, I told him to hit Hagler to the body where it won't hurt the hand as much. You can't just quit.' I reminded him a lot of fighters who have won fights with a bad hand. John took a deep breath, and did not mention his hand again.

"Sure, we'd fight Hearns for the WBC super welterweight title because we're the number one challenger. But at the moment, the plans call for a rest . . . that's the obvious and foremost cure for a tough fight. I'm sure John was impressed with Hagler on several occasions, just as Hagler was impressed with him."

Duff admitted his protege appeared to be getting tired down the stretch.

"By the time the ninth round rolled around, John was a little arm weary because he hadn't had the experience of going that distance. Secondly, if you're hitting a guy with two sore hands, you don't have the same effect of keeping him off. However, I felt John hurt Hagler several times. I thought the scoring would be closer; one judge (Dave Moretti, 96-95) had Mugabi behind by one round, and I thought that was about right."

TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT!

Tragedy Narrowly Averted
In Bantamweight Title Fight

QUICK ACTION BY RINGSIDE MEDICS PROBABLY SAVED the life of former WBA bantamweight champion Richie Sandoval after he was knocked out by Gaby Canizales.

The 24-year-old top-ranked challenger from Laredo, Texas not only took Sandoval's 118-pound crown, he may have ended the Pomona, California fighter's career with a five-knockdown assault on the Hagler-Mugabi/Hearns-Shuler undercard.

Sandoval was rushed to Valley Hospital unconscious after Canizales' final salvo sent the 25-year-old Sandoval into a seizure at 2:47 of the seventh round.

There was no count from referee Carlos Padilla as he and ringside physician, Dr. Flip Homansky, worked to revive Sandoval, who lost for the first time after 28 straight victories, 17 by knockout.

Sandoval was examined by Dr. Kasim Fathie, a neuro-surgeon on the Valley staff, en route to the hospital. The stricken fighter was given a CAT-scan upon his arrival. Sandoval regained consciousness shortly thereafter and was talking "in a lethargic manner," according to Dr. Fathie.

Canizales, the No. 1 contender, took the crown in his second try, having lost in his initial bid to Jeff Chandler on a 15-round decision March 13, 1983 in Atlantic City. Sandoval, who was a U.S. Olympic Trials champion in 1980, won the title from Chandler in an upset 15-round TKO April 7, 1984 in Atlantic City.

Canizales, managed by Dr. Luis Mendova, reminded the crowd of a miniature Robert Duran with his swarthy good looks and facial stubble. The compact Texan also fought like Duran, employing all-out devastation in raising his credentials to 33-2, 26 kayoes.

Canizales had no problems with weight, coming in at 116½, but it was obviously torture for Sandoval, who struggled to reach 117¾. The Californian was reportedly as high as 127 in a February non-title bout, and hadn't made 118 since his last defense in December of 1984.

Gaby was a tiger from the outset, dropping the defending champion midway through the first round with a two rights and a left. Sandoval beat Padilla's count, but appeared unsteady.

Sandoval tried to hold off Canizales with his jab, but had trouble landing combinations. Coming out in the fifth round, Gaby raked Richie with a six-punch combination, and later uncorked a long right hand which sent Sandoval across the ring and into the ropes. When Sandoval rose, he ran into another six-punch salvo.

In the first of three knockdowns in the seventh, Canizales, who picked up a cut in the corner of his right eye in the third round, sent Sandoval rolling onto his side. After the second

Mugabi conceded he wasn't surprised Hagler didn't fall when he nailed the champion with his much-publicized right hand.

"I went into the ring to fight a human being and I had no special plans," Mugabi advised. "I depend on my hands and they were hurt, so I wasn't upset when Hagler was still there. He has a good jaw, a strong head. Hagler fights clean, does no tricks. The weather was good for me, not hot.

"If they let me, I'd like to fight Hagler again. I've got experience now. I've never been in a world title bout before."

HEARNS, IMPROVING HIS BRILLIANT record to 41-2, 35 kayoes, gave the outgunned Shuler the quick exit. Conditioned by Eddie Futch, Shuler, coming in with a 22-0, 16 kayoes ledger, had never been off his feet as an amateur or pro, and was firmly convinced he would "wear down Hearns with an accumulation of punches." The echo of the first (and only) bell had hardly faded in the wet Nevada air when the Philly talent immediately found himself in deep trouble.

Immediately, Hearns was sticking and moving at long range, then he'd suddenly step into Shuler with a combination to the body. Shuler, who matched Hearns at 160 pounds, got off a few jabs and a solid right early, but it suddenly became academic. Hearns controlled the action, stinging James with overhand rights.

The *coup de grace* came when Hearns landed a short right, and then followed from long range with the same hand. Shuler probably didn't see the second shot. It caught him flush and he appeared unconscious before landing flat on his back near a neutral corner. He never twitched a muscle as referee Richard Steele counted him out.

Despite the light-falling rain, this explosion started shortly after 7 p.m., and 15 minutes later, Hearns, along with manager/trainer Emanuel Steward, was back in Caesars' Sports Pavilion, ready for post-fight analysis.

"I want the rematch with Hagler badly . . . there hasn't been a minute or an hour in any day that I haven't thought about it. But I had to take Hagler off my mind and get back to Shuler because I knew what kind of fighter Shuler is. Going into the fight, I wasn't concerned about the cold weather, but I was concerned about my fans sitting out there in the rain."

In describing his most decisive victory since he stopped Pipino Cuevas in two rounds to win the WBA welterweight crown, Hearns added:

"I used a couple of lefts to the body to make Shuler bring his hands down. Shuler came out shooting jabs, and he connected with a couple. In the last two punches, I threw a short right, then I had to do a skip to get the long right hand which finished Shuler off. No, I didn't think he was going to get up.

"My legs were much stronger for this fight because I cut down on my road work and went back to work on the heavy bag. If there's a delay with Hagler, I'll defend my WBC title because it sure didn't come easy."

Shuler, wearing a black and white jump suit, came to the dais before Hearns departed. He embraced his conqueror and then reflected on the abbreviated ending.

"I was trying to push away from his left hook, and I just got caught with his right hand," James said. "I'll learn from this one. The weather wasn't any excuse. I just got caught. When he hit me with the first right hand, it didn't sting me, so I thought, 'Shucks, I'll take it to him.' The body punches didn't hurt me at all, and that's another reason why I decided to take it to Hearns.

"Bennie Briscoe hit me a lot harder when I used to spar with him in Philly,

Richie Sandoval ricochetes off the turnbuckle pad on his way to the canvas during the seventh round of his WBA title bout with Gaby Canizales. Sandoval absorbed a vicious beating, hitting the deck five times before referee Carlos Padilla called a belated halt 2:47 into the seventh round.

knockdown, Canizales hammered his battered rival back into the ropes, and then finished the evening with a left-right-left-right.

Sandoval landed heavily on his back, half under the ropes, and struck his head on the ring apron. When Sandoval began convulsing, Dr. Don Romeo of the NSAC called for paramedics after an "airway" respirator had been pressed between the fighter's clenched teeth.

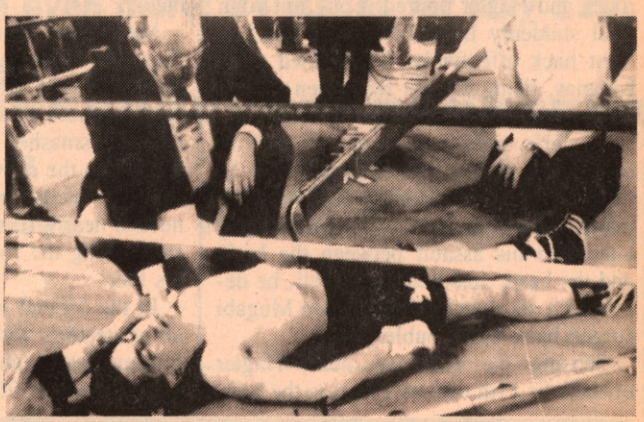
Canizales was upset when he heard how seriously Sandoval had been injured.

"I think they should have stopped it earlier. I was hitting him with everything, and I knew he was getting hurt," the new titleholder said. "I hope to God he is okay because he's such a nice person and I respect him a lot. He has a lot of guts. Sandoval has been a great champion, but now it's my turn. I waited so long, worked so hard for this fight, and my time came today.

"I got the cut on my eye when Sandoval threw a wild left hook, but he never really hurt me at all. I was inexperienced when I fought Chandler the first time. If I would have fought Chandler like I did tonight, he wouldn't have gone the distance with me."

Although still suffering from amnesia, Sandoval was removed from intensive care the day after the fight. A follow-up CAT-scan was normal. □

Ringside doctors assist Richie Sandoval before rushing him to hospital following his knockout loss to Gaby Canizales on the Hagler-Mugabi undercard.



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but Hearns is a great fighter, and a puncher as you can see. Another mistake I made was I had my hands low when I went at him. He was as fast as I thought he'd be so I expected it."

Futch agreed with Shuler on that aspect.

"We thought Hearns would come out fast, so I warned Shuler before we left the dressing room, and again just before the first bell. But Hearns kept throwing those rights and one got through."

Shuler took the stunning defeat reasonably well, considering he only earned $200,000 while Hearns picked up $1 million.

IN SHOWING DEEP ADMIRATION FOR Mugabi's courage and stamina, Hagler wasn't exaggerating in acknowledging his challenger as a "guy who just kept coming back and wouldn't quit."

The challenger, 157, was willing to trade with Hagler. He landed his vaunted right hand to Hagler's jaw early, but the champion seemed to absorb them like a sponge. Mugabi drew a roar from the crowd in the fourth round when he scored with an uppercut and a combination to the head. Both men punched after the bell.

Marvelous Marvin continued to stalk his rival, scoring with solid southpaw jabs and double hooks. Late in the round the champion drove home two combinations, and appeared to hurt Mugabi with another right-left at the bell.

The sixth round was the *piece de resistance* of the night, and in some ways, the beginning of the end for Mugabi. Hagler started with shots to the body, then followed with a right uppercut. The Marvelous Man scored with a sweeping left hook and a left-right salvo which drove Mugabi across the ring.

Hagler was on him, immediately bathing the challenger in leather . . . hooks, uppercuts, and jabs, including a low blow which cost the champion a point. Mugabi's back was pinned against the ropes and Hagler poured it on. But John Paul suddenly lifted his lumpy head to fight back effectively. The crowd went bananas, rising to their feet when the action continued past the bell.

Hagler's right eye began to puff in round nine, but he was still in control. In the 10th, Marvin began to slip inside his tiring, but still game rival's reach. Hagler alternated his assault between the body and the head. Just before the bell, he delivered a six-punch volley. Then Mugabi surged back with double jabs.

Sensing the end was near, Hagler opened the 11th with two shots to the body and triple right hands to the jaw. Marvin added two rights and an uppercut, and Mugabi tried to hold on, grabbing the champion around the neck with both hands.

Marvelous Marvin then applied the finisher—seven right hands to the jaw and then two lefts which sent the Ugandan spinning from side to side. The last booming right smashed Mugabi into the ropes. He slid to the canvas where referee Mills Lane counted him out at 1:29. Mugabi needed nearly 10 minutes sitting on a ring stool along the ropes before he regained his feet.

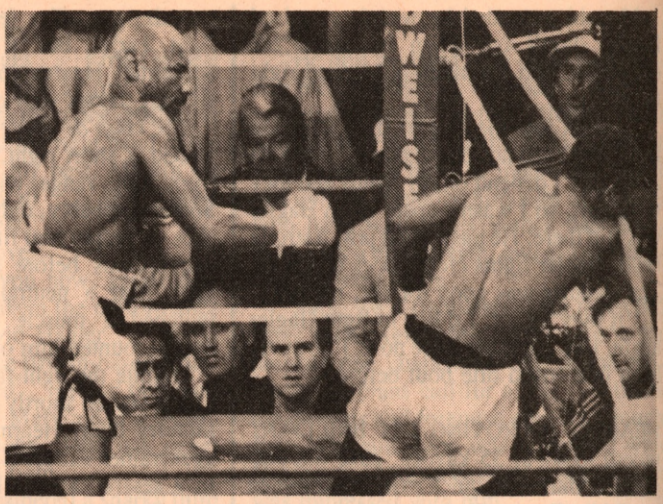
In the official judging, Hagler won on all scorecards with Jerry Roth and Alby Shirley both tabbing it 97-94. Dave Moretti saw it 96-95. Most significant, the Las Vegas judges had no rounds even. *The Ring*'s tally was 98-94, Hagler.

Hagler explained why he switched to a righthanded stance in the late rounds.

"It had nothing to do with my right eye by itself," the champion said. "What I was trying to do was bait him to come at me, but it didn't work. Maybe because he was so tired.

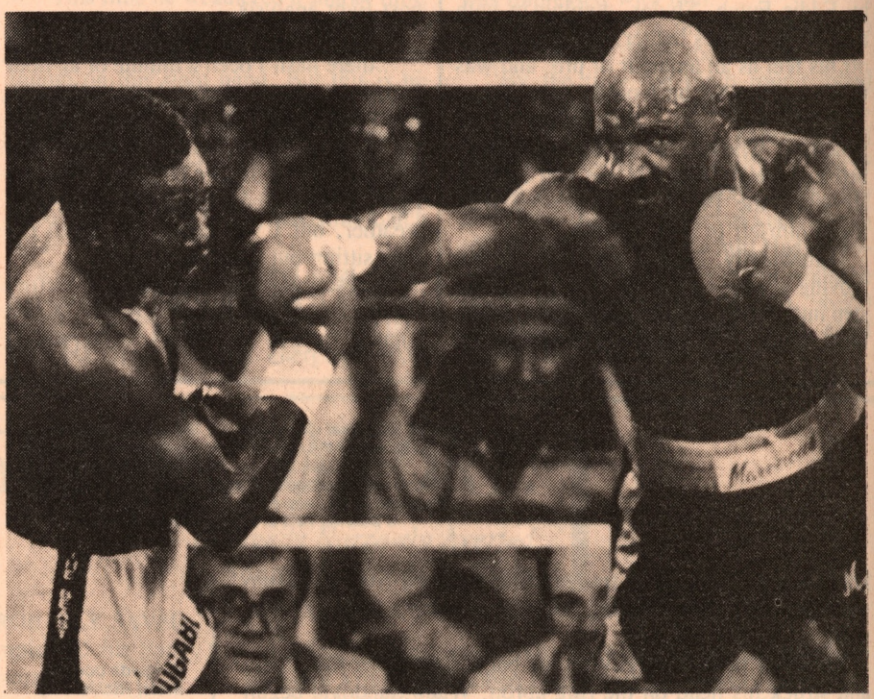
"The postponement made me stronger, and I'm very pleased. I think I did a helluva job. My cornermen, Pat and Goody Petronelli, did a helluva job. They sort of held me back early, so I decided to take it to Mugabi late. I think I proved myself again. I won't say I'm the greatest middleweight of all time. I'll let the public decide that. I'll just say I'm the best."

Amen. □



Mugabi sags into the ropes as Hagler applies the finishing touches during the 11th round at Caesars Palace.

Hagler (right) landed his southpaw jab throughout the fight, softening up Mugabi for the final barrage of blows that ended their exciting match in the 11th round.



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'OLD POPS' JUST KEEP ROLLIN' ALONG

Marvin Johnson Becomes The First Man To Win The Light Heavyweight Title Three Times

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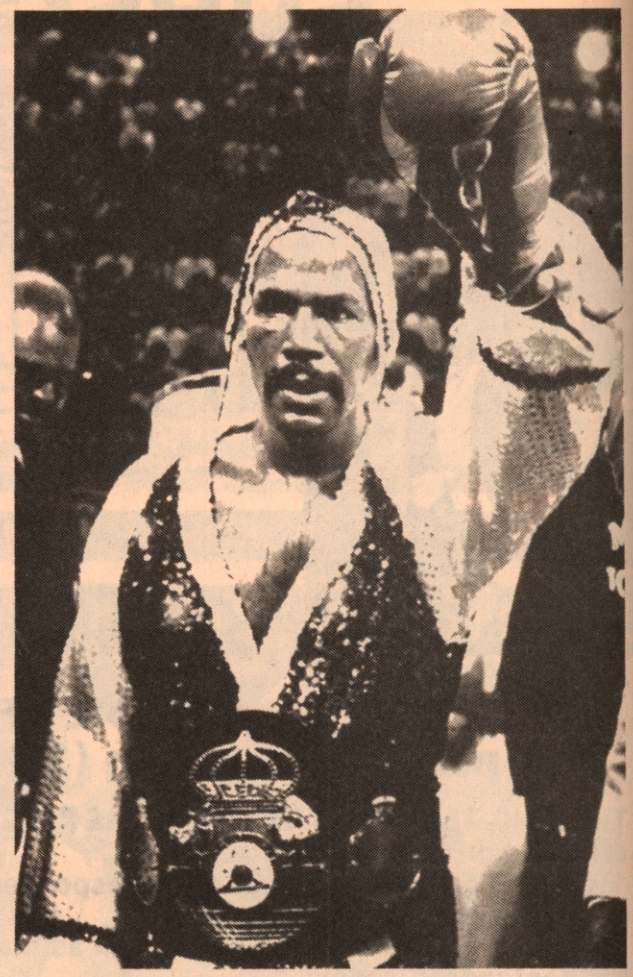


Marvin Johnson, wearing the robe his wife made for him, has his right hand raised in victory after stopping Leslie Stewart in the seventh round of their battle for the vacant WBA light heavyweight title.

HE'S IN HIS THIRTIES, BALD AND A southpaw.

He holds a world championship, does television commercials and his first name is Marvin.

And yes, there are times he's absowutely mahvelous.

His name, of course, is Marvin Johnson.

Since turning pro 13 years ago, Johnson has compiled a 42-5 record with 33 knockouts, the most recent a seventh-round stoppage of Trinidad's Leslie Stewart before a gathering in excess of 8,000 at the Market Square Arena. The victory earned Johnson the World Boxing Association light heavyweight championship and made him the first to win the light heavyweight crown three times. Still, he has never collected the acclaim, the notoriety showered upon others during the same time span. Perhaps because he lost his first two crowns in his first defense, thus missing the opportunity to capitalize on his championships. Perhaps because his division which, mired between the popular middleweights and heavyweights, has traditionally been a foster home (with respect to the great ex-champion) for boxing's less fortunate.

Whatever the reasons, outside of his hometown of Indianapolis Johnson has never reaped the popularity or financial rewards due a three-time champion, particularly one possessing a knockout punch and a non-stop attack.

No dummy, Johnson is well aware of the situation.

"I won that championship three times and haven't made the cover of *Ring* Magazine yet," he said. "I set a record winning it three times, the only man in the light heavyweight division to do that. I have no doubt I have to go down in history as being a good fighter, but I'm not the greatest fighter in light heavyweight history. I don't want to see myself as something I'm not. I try to look at myself as the way I am, a man who will fight and fight hard to win."

Johnson fought hard to win the World Boxing Council title from Mate Parlov in 1978. He may have fought harder losing it to Matt Franklin in his first defense. He took the WBA crown against Victor Galindez the next year, then lost it to Eddie Gregory four months later. Parlov has long since vanished from the boxing scene; Franklin, now Matthew Saad Muhammad, is broke and attempting a comeback; Gregory became Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, disguised himself as the Goodyear blimp and made a shambles of a once-productive career; and Galindez was killed in a racing accident.

Meanwhile, Johnson kept fighting and fighting hard to win.

"The first time I won the championship was the highlight of my career," said Johnson, who was 25 at the time. "I felt like I was really on top of the world. The world was at my disposal.

"I really hadn't thought much about what I would do with the championship. This time around, I had my plans before the fight. I've got four kids, I've got a wife, and they need my support. They're depending on me. If something happens that I have to retire, I want to know they're financially secure. I don't want my kids to think, 'Hey dad, you were world champion three times. What did you do with the money?'

"I don't know how many fights I'll have to take, but I would like to hold my title. I'm looking at maybe another 18 months, depending on how the fights go and the money I get.

"It still hasn't paid off financially," he added. "When it does, then I'll be content. I'm not saying I have to get the $10

million purses that Sugar Ray Leonard and Marvin Hagler get, but it's got to do better than it's done for me. My highest purse was $175,000 for the Eddie Mustafa fight."

Far from destitute, Johnson has kept steady paychecks coming, working as a correction officer for the Merion County sheriff's department and doing television commercials for a local car dealer. One day, he hopes to run for sheriff.

"If I could do that and get elected, I'll be very pleased with what I've done in life," said Johnson. "Hopefully, I'll be financially secure, so I can give my undecided attention to law enforcement."

But right now, Johnson is not yet satisfied with what he's accomplished in boxing.

"When I lost the title the second time, I didn't know if it was worth it to me anymore," said Johnson. "I figured I'd sit back, look at other fighters, see what kind of money they were making and check out proposals. One Philadelphia reporter made me very angry when he printed I was retired. I never announced a retirement. That bothered me. When I feel I've decided to retire, I'll make an announcement, but I never did that. He just announced I was retiring. That made it hard for me to get fights."

That, and the fact Johnson decided to be his own manager. But he never was away, fighting at least twice every year until regaining his crown.

"I started seeing certain guys making good money and my trainer, Champ Chaney, would call and tell me my name was still in the ratings," said Johnson. "But I didn't come back into boxing just for finances. A fighter has to want to fight to put out 100 percent. I missed it.

"They wrote me off too soon. I was a little more serious than a lot of people thought I was. It takes a lot of heart, a lot of feeling to put in the type of work it takes to win the title.

"I'm 31 now, and I can remember when I was 17 or 18 and fighting someone 27 and I called them old," Johnson continued. "I'm not going to tell you at 31 I feel better than I did at 25. I'm not going to lie to you. When I get up in the morning and run now, it's twice as much. I can feel sore and aching spots I didn't feel when I was younger, and it takes longer to heal than it used to.

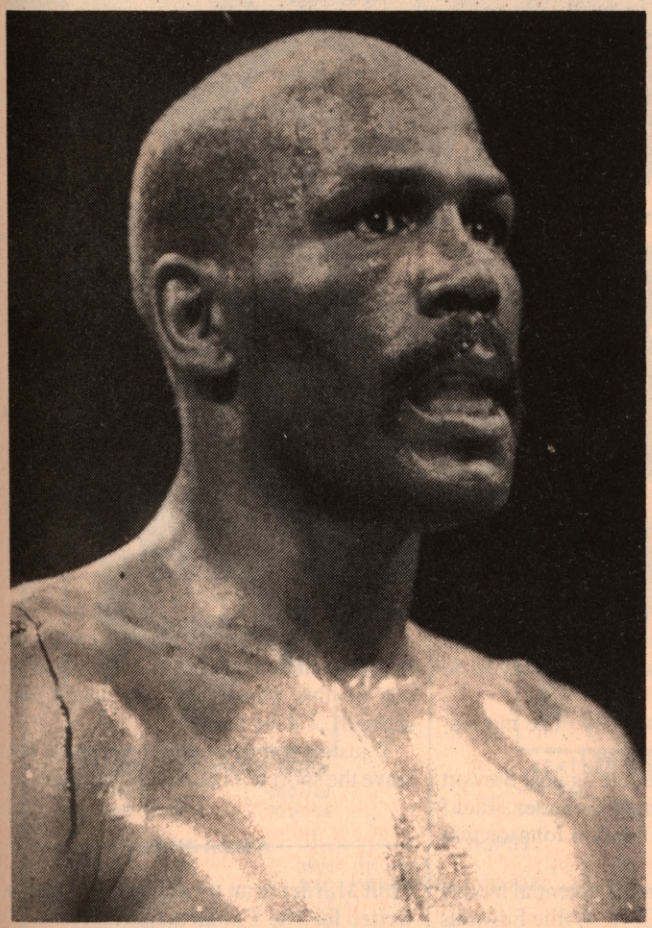
"People didn't think I was willing to put forth that type of effort."

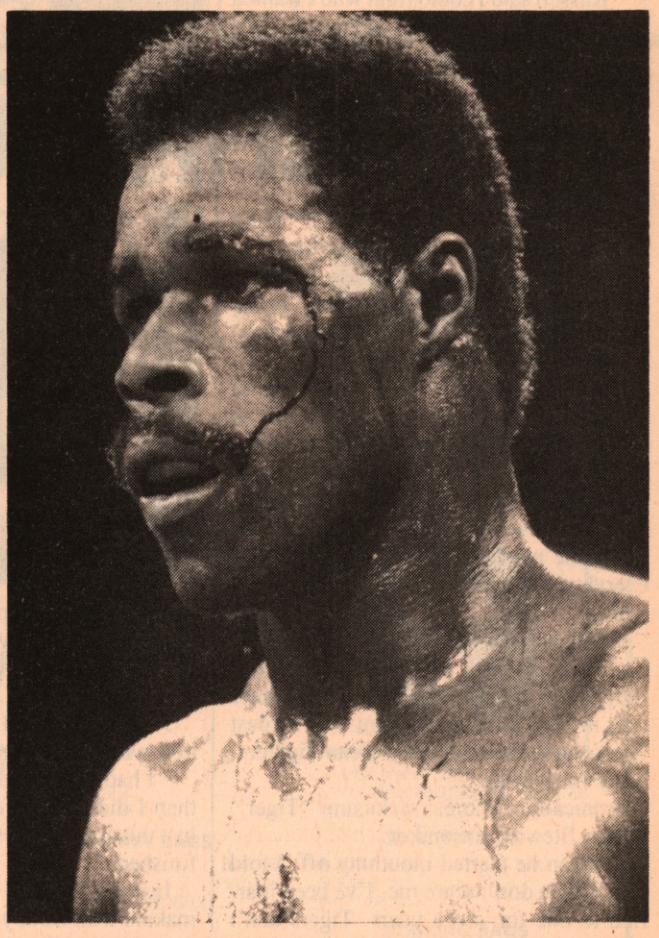
Two who did were Chaney, of whom Johnson said, "I don't feel I would have been world champion under any other trainer. He's been like a father to me," and promoter J. Russell Peltz. When Peltz became involved, Johnson's career started heading toward the top again.

"He was responsible for getting me that title fight," said Johnson of Peltz. "If my career had continued without him getting involved, I would never had gotten the Stewart fight. He made a lot of phone calls, went out of his way."

Peltz was one of few who believed Johnson could still fight. But the Philadelphia promoter did not get involved just to be a good samaritan. Peltz' stable had once boasted Jeff Chandler, Frank and Anthony Fletcher, Earl Hargrove and Mike Rossman, among others. Losses, injuries and retirements had wiped it clean, and Peltz needed a draw.

"Marvin still had value in the light heavyweight division," said Peltz. "I thought we could get a title shot because when you looked at the ratings, there was nobody there. Plus, I figured he could





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Contrasting studies of eventual winner Johnson (left) and eventual loser Stewart (right) as they prepare to come out for the fatal seventh round.

make some money in Europe. We put pressure for Eddie Davis to fight us in an elimination fight. We argued Marvin had been fighting steadily and winning and that Davis should be forced to defend his No. 1 position."

Peltz' voice was heard.

"I'm certain my rating went up because of Russell Peltz. When Michael Spinks was getting ready to fight Larry Holmes, Russell was complaining to the WBA and WBC that Spinks was in violation of the rules because he hadn't fought the No. 1 contender. He made such a fuss about it when I was No. 2 that the WBA said Eddie Davis, who was No. 1, had to fight me, and the winner would get a shot at Spinks."

Johnson overpowered Davis, stopping him. The win made him No. 1 in the WBA, WBC and International Boxing Federation ratings. Peltz then began to complain that Spinks should be fighting Johnson before anyone else, anyone else meaning Holmes. But Spinks' win over Holmes opened the door for Johnson and the entire division, creating three title vacancies.

"Russell said I could fight who I wanted for the title," recalled Johnson. "He asked me who I wanted to fight, and I left it up to him."

Peltz plucked the unbeaten Stewart, and Johnson reportedly earned $75,000. But more importantly, the championship was once again his.

"I said to him, 'You did it,' " Peltz recalled. "He said, 'No, we did it.' "

"We" meaning Johnson, Peltz, Chaney and Delores, the latter being Johnson's wife, who designs his spectacular ring fashions.

"She didn't really know much about boxing when we met, but she was able to sew and she knew I liked to dress in things a little different than what you could buy in a sporting goods store," said Johnson. "She wasn't very good at first, but the more she made the better she got. Now everybody wants her to make things for them."

Johnson stresses his appearance in the ring, saying, "All fighters who are good fighters are proud fighters. The way I dress tells my fans how proud I am. My hardest fights have been against clean fighters. They have pride."

Ironically, Delores' nickname "Tiger" is also Stewart's moniker.

"When he started mouthing off, I told him Tigers don't scare me. I've been married to one for seven years. Tigers don't like to be woke up in the middle of the night. She'd start swinging at me, and that helped my timing and got me ready to do my roadwork."

Johnson laughed heartily. The motivation was far from necessary.

"I had more on the line against Stewart than I did when I fought Galindez. Had I lost this fight, I knew Marvin Johnson was finished."

Instead, Johnson mulls potential money makers with Bobby Czyz, Willie Edwards and WBC champ J.B. Williamson.

"Boxing's been fair to me, now it's up to me," admitted Johnson. "If I can come out of this game with my health and strength, I'll be happy."

If justice triumphs, Marvin Johnson will leave the sport with that and much more. □

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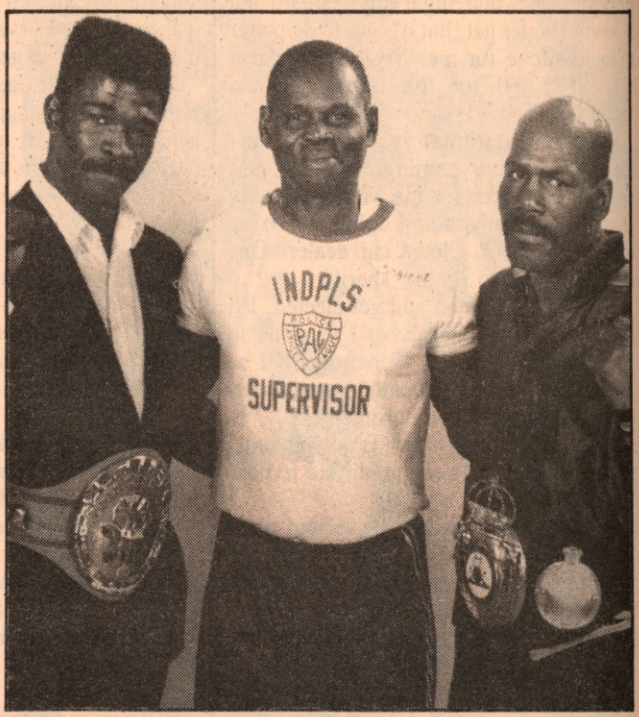
Three champs. From left to right: J.B. Williamson (WBC light heavyweight champion), Champ Chaney (Johnson's trainer), and WBA light heavyweight champion Marvin Johnson.



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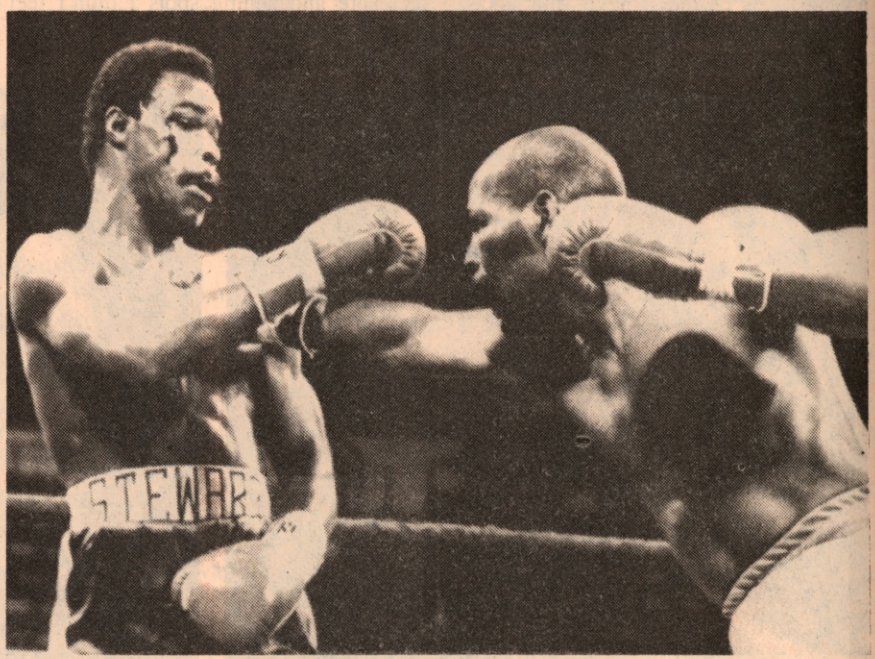
A badly cut Leslie Stewart (left) tries to cover up as Marvin Johnson attacks during their title match in Indianapolis. Stewart, a native of Trinidad, was unbeaten coming into the bout, but just couldn't cope with Johnson's pressure tactics.



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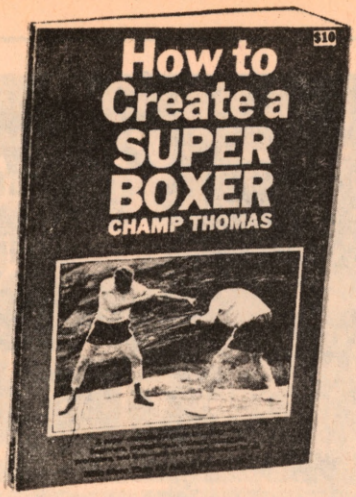

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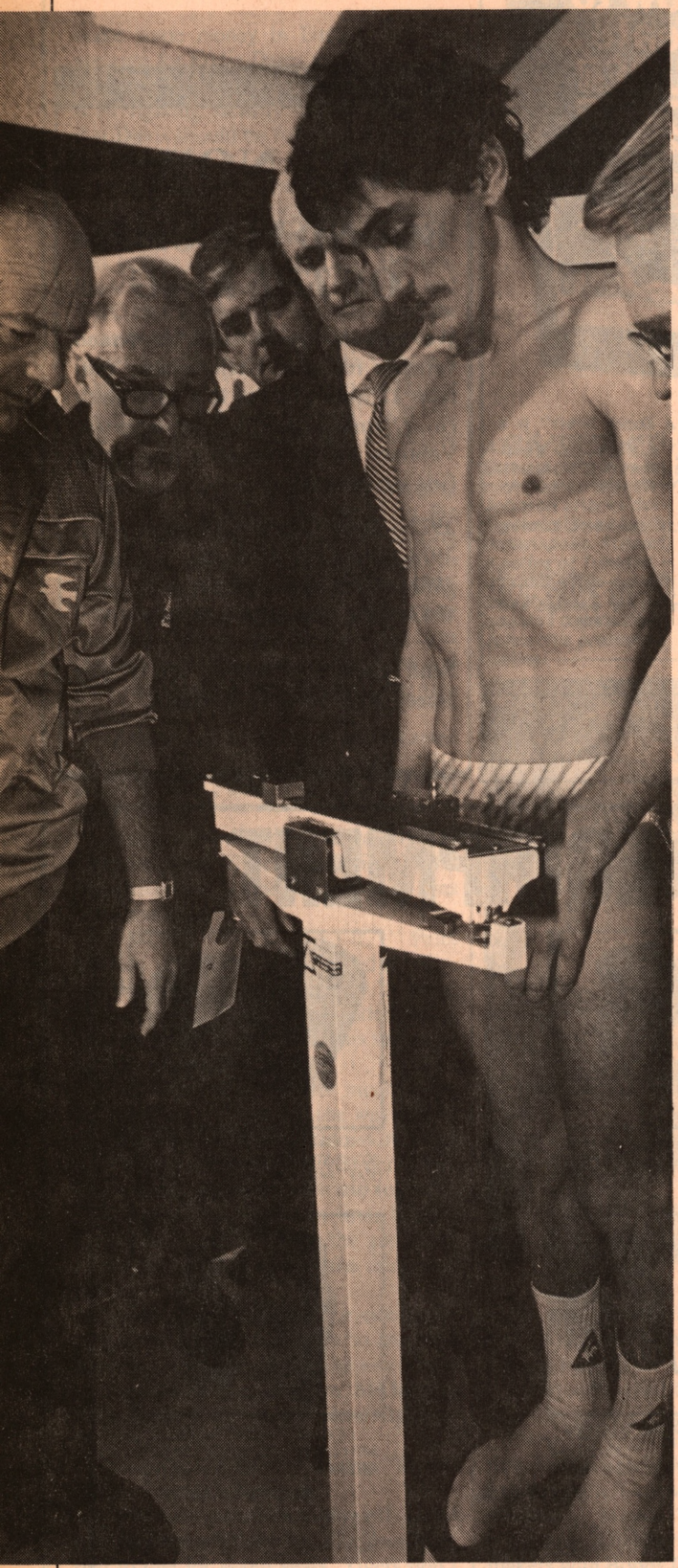

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To The Ring

DUBLIN DONNYBROOK

A Pictorial Essay Of The
Barry McGuigan-Danilo Cabrera
Match With Commentary
By Jack Magowan.

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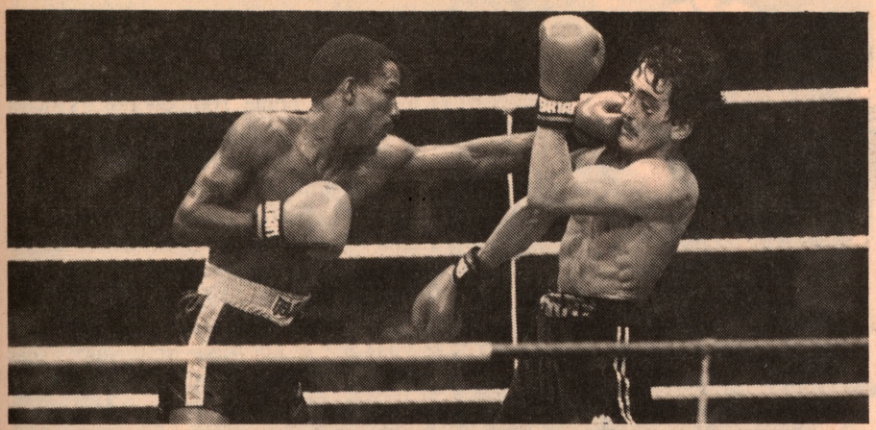
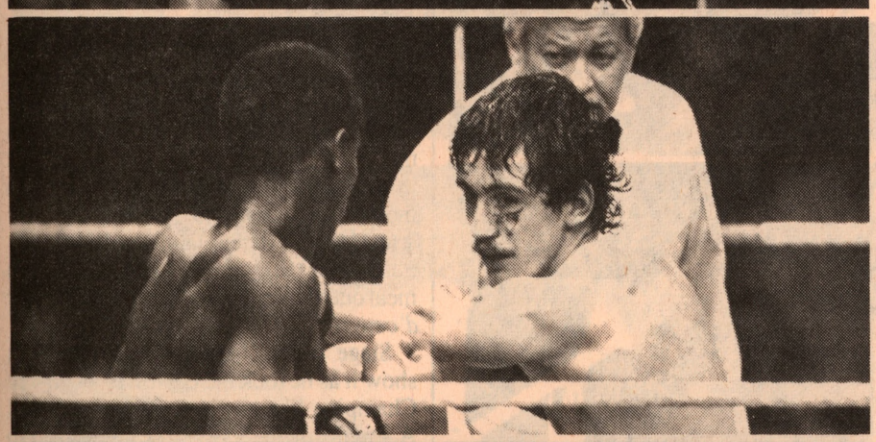
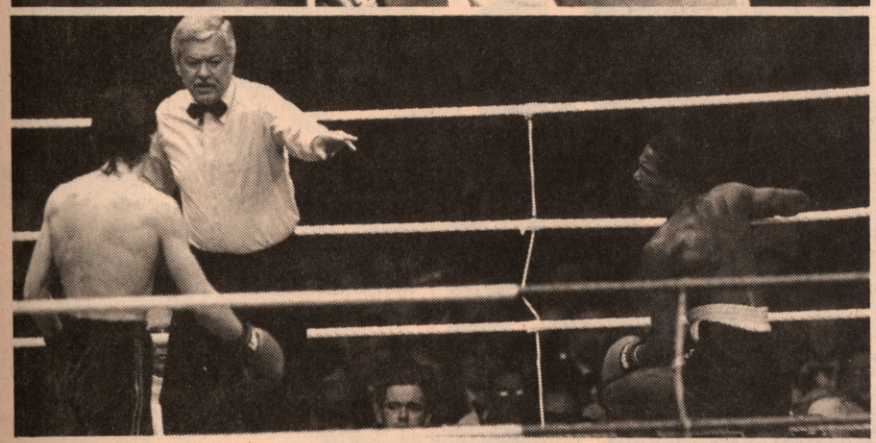
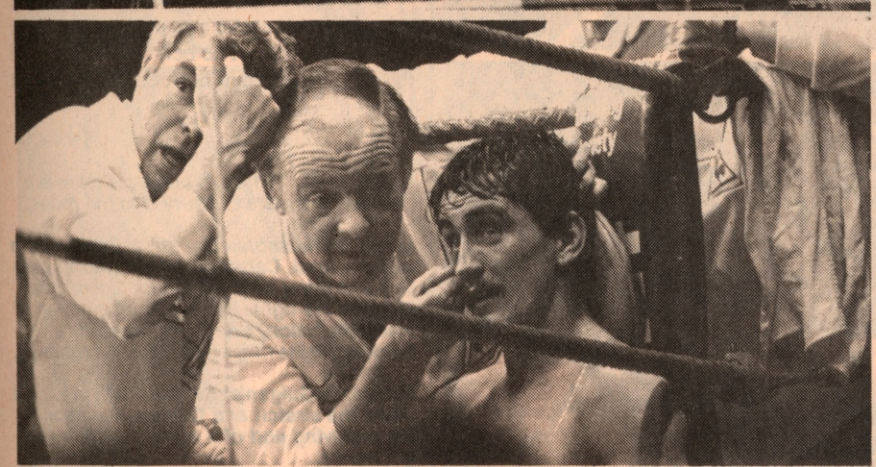
Manager Barney Eastwood (far left) looks on as Barry McGuigan weighs-in for his title defense against Danilo Cabrera in Dublin.









HIS EYES LIT UP, SAUCER SIZE IN A SALLOW face. To this little hombre, Dublin's fair city, where the girls are so pretty, must have looked like Santa's Grotto and Disneyland all in one. He was hungry, too, so what could be more satisfying than some fresh grilled salmon for lunch, washed down with spring water?

The Irish had never heard of Danilo Cabrera, and it was more than likely this 22-year-old farm boy from the Dominican Republic hadn't heard of Ireland. Until 10 days before Barry McGuigan's second defense of his WBA featherweight title, that is. Fernando Sosa, of Argentina, had broken a finger in training. Would Cabrera step into the breach?

"No, Cabrera, no bill," pleaded McGuigan's manager and promoter, Barney Eastwood. "We'll pay you a 100,000 dollars!"

To a lad from the sugar fields of Esperanta, who probably hadn't earned that kind of money from all 26 previous contests, this was manna from Heaven, a fairytale come true.

"But could he fight?" we asked. How come the WBA gave him a map-reading of No. 6 in the rankings, and the WBC No. 19, while *The Ring* ignored him altogether?

Suddenly Irish scepticism turned to suspicion. Boxing's 'MR. NOBODY' was how one unkind critic labelled Cabrera. 'An Innocent led to the Slaughter,' scathed another. 'Will Dublin's first world title fight in 63 years last only 63 seconds?'

Hector Rivera, Danilo's new manager, couldn't hide his wrath. "What a load of crap," he fumed. "Just for that, Cabrera will knock out the Champion . . .!"

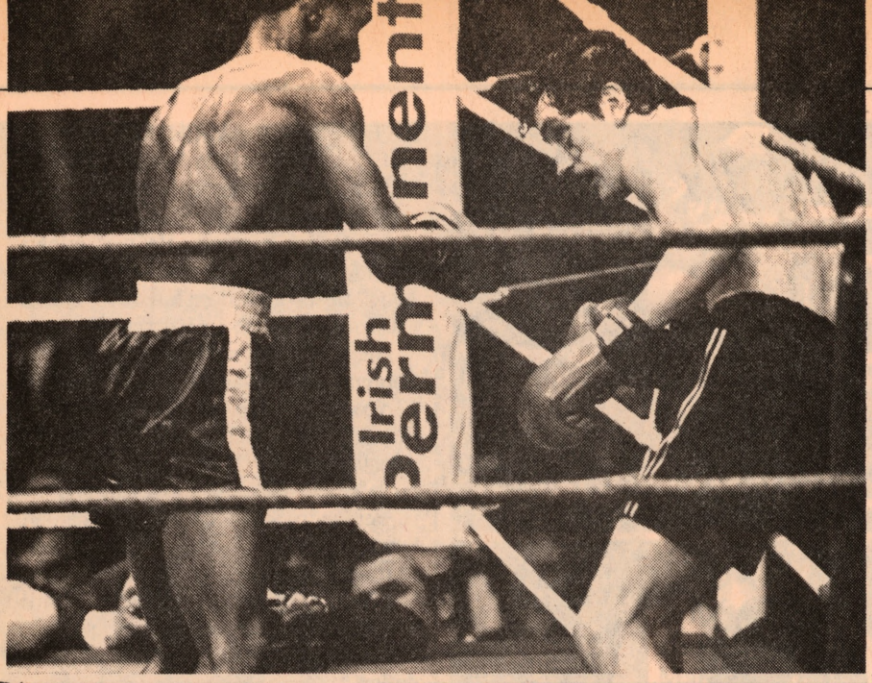
Later, an indignant Cabrera threatened to "break McGuigan's head," which again sounded like he was whistling in the dark. Rivera, however, insisted on having the last word. He called up bookmaker Eastwood and laid a cool 10,000 dollars

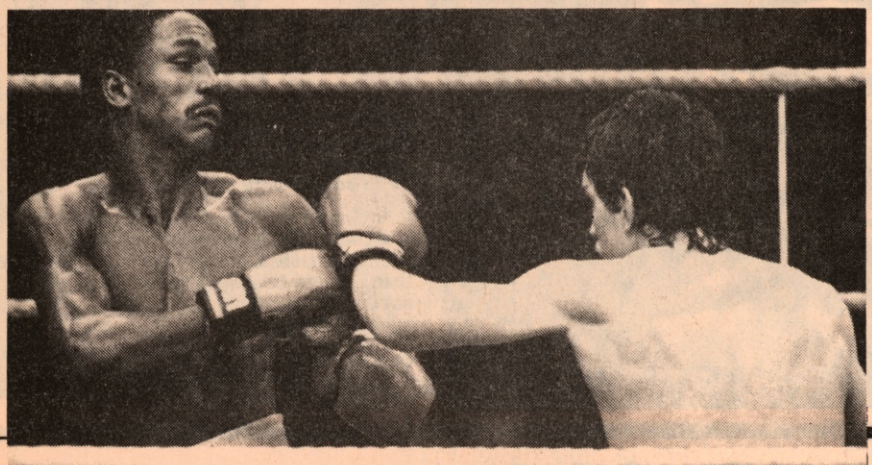
Top: ***Although one Irish newspaper called Cabrera "Mr. Nobody," he quickly proved he was a worthy challenger, peppering McGuigan (right) with quick cluster of punches.***

Second From Top: ***From the second round on, McGuigan fought under the handicap of a nasty slice under his left eye. The champion was also cut on his right eyelid.***

Third From Top: ***In the fifth round, Cabrera stopped boxing and dipped to one knee, claiming that McGuigan had hit him below the belt. Referee Ed Eckert upheld the challenger's claim, but no points were taken from the champion.***

Bottom: ***Anxious looks in McGuigan's corner as manager Eastwood patches up the champion between rounds.***





on Dani-boy's nose to win $50,000.

"That's how confident I am about getting a result," sniffed Hector, who would have gone home 100,000 dollars richer had he bet the same money on the fight lasting 14 rounds, which it did.

Irish pride runs high at fiesta time in sport, but Belfast has always been the island's boxing capital. Now Dublin, arguably a graveyard for the pro game since Muhammad Ali's 1972 visit flopped dismally, was hosting a world championship contest for the first time since Mike McTigue stripped Battling Siki of the light heavyweight crown on St. Patrick's Day 1923.

A landmine exposion rocked the city during that historic argument, and it was confidently expected that a radioactive McGuigan would make the biggest noise this time. Maybe he did eventually, but in a fight which underlined his strength more than class, the 'Clones Cyclone' scarcely blew harder than a gentle breeze. Put another way, he made a four-course meal out of what should have been an *hors d'oeuvre!*

Stage fright? Certainly Cabrera didn't show it as he took the contest to an off-key Champion like his very life was at stake. A thumb in the eye early on seemed to upset McGuigan, and his best work, and left jab, were nullified almost contemptuously at times by Danilo's bull-dog persistence.

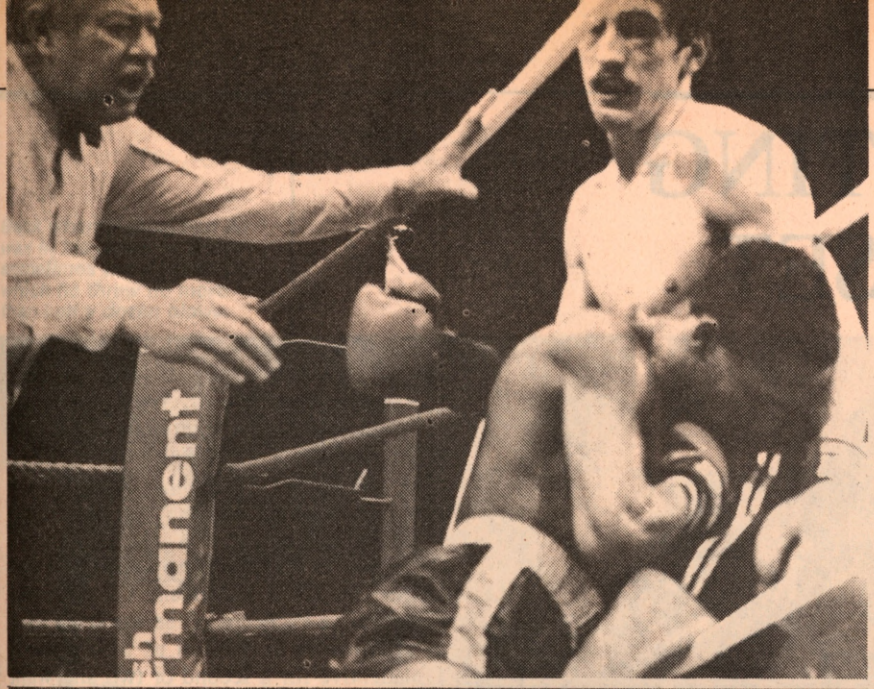
Ireland's macho man might have lost points, but didn't, for a body blow in round five that was strictly 'no-no,' and would have sprung the trap-door three rounds later but for the untimely intervention of the bell. A badly gashed cheekbone brought out the *Rocky IV* in McGuigan, and when he suddenly cut loose with both hands, Cabrera was rolling about like a sailboat in a squall.

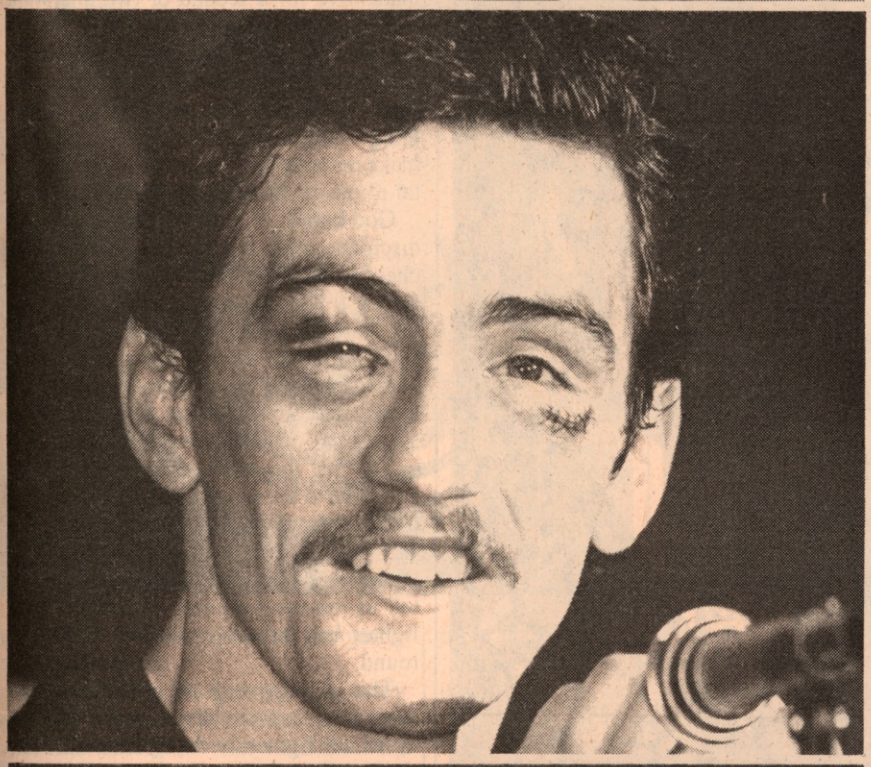
Referee Ed Eckert, from Miami, wisely stepped in to rescue a stricken challenger, but was too late. The bell had rung to end the round an instant before, and Ed hadn't heard it.

Top: ***McGuigan (right) is under pressure as a Cabrera flurry drives Barry into the ropes.***

Middle: ***Pandemonium reigns at the end of the eighth round. Cabrera was in trouble at the bell and many thought referee Eckert had stopped the fight. But following a period of mass confusion, everybody except the fighters left the ring and the contest resumed.***

Bottom: ***McGuigan's strength finally prevailed down the stretch and Cabrera was soon on the receiving end of a number of Barry's left hooks.***





Cabrera's corner worked feverishly amid confusion and no little consternation, and must have been happy with a 90-second interval between rounds while intruding fans were ushered out of the ring. Had McGuigan been a Hagler or Curry, he wouldn't have allowed a dazed opponent to survive round nine. But he did—a "minus" in my book.

It was half-way through round 14 before belting Barry finally swung the axe, and what a gallant, if pathetic, figure Cabrera looked at the end. Wits scrambled, legs gone, he was first draped over a middle rope; then seconds later, turned his back on a marauding champion to fumble blindly for his gumshield on the dusty floor of the ring. He was now a sitting duck. Referee Eckert had no option but to stop it.

Not an Oscar-winning performance by McGuigan, and quick to agree was Azumah Nelson, WBC featherweight champion.

"His form really frightened me," teased the brilliant Ghanaian. "He was so poor I'm scared somebody will beat him before I do. How he allowed an unknown substitute to go 14 rounds baffles me completely. I would have taken out Cabrera in four rounds at most . . ."

Sporting a black eye and six stitches to an ugly cheek gash, McGuigan looked more like a loser than winner, but had no excuses. "Cabrera is a tough kid with a big heart," he grinned. "I just wasn't at concert pitch and felt frustrated at times. Perhaps five months between fights was the reason for that. I'll be better next time!"

Happily, the next time for McGuigan could be a match with the great Wilfredo Gomez, possibly in New York, and with the Puerto Rican's WBA junior lightweight title at stake. Jose Cordero, Gomez's manager, was in a crowded Dublin ringside, and seems to want the fight as much as McGuigan does. Why shouldn't he for a purse of nearly a million dollars! □

Top: ***Cabrera is almost finished as he sags against McGuigan in the 14th. Moments later the referee stopped the fight 1:40 in the round.***

Middle: ***McGuigan, looking more like the loser than the winner, meets the press following his unexpectedly rugged afternoon with Cabrera.***

Bottom: ***The final reward. Barry gets a kiss from his wife Sandra at the end of a very hard day's work.***

OUTSMARTING YOUR TV SET

by Joseph D'O'Brian

The late and great Marcel Cerdan the day after he won the middleweight crown from Tony Zale. Marcel was as strong as a bull, but when he took his shirt off he didn't exactly look like Sylvester Stallone.

THERE ARE A LOT OF GOOD POINTS TO watching a fight on TV. It's free; the beer is cheaper (and fresh); you can choose your company; the zoom lens, slow motion and instant replay give you a better idea of what's going on; and once in a while, the commentators say something worth hearing.

Once in a while, I say. Most of the time, the Chris Schenkels, Gil Clancys, and Ferdie Pachecos of the world are useful primarily to those of us who've been inattentive for a second or two and want to know what's happening; the rest of us could just as easily watch the action in the ring with the sound off. And now and then—about as often as they say something interesting—these commentators make remarks that are positively detrimental to our understanding of the sport.

God knows, it's not all their fault. Any discipline, be it boxing, poodle breeding, chess or drinking, will have attached to it a long list of tall stories, misconceptions and just plain bull that is passed down from expert to expert, from fan to fan. But the more I watch fights on TV, the more I'm convinced that there should be some kind of educational program going on, so that the average fan will be better equipped to accept or reject the "wisdom" he hears from the color commentator.

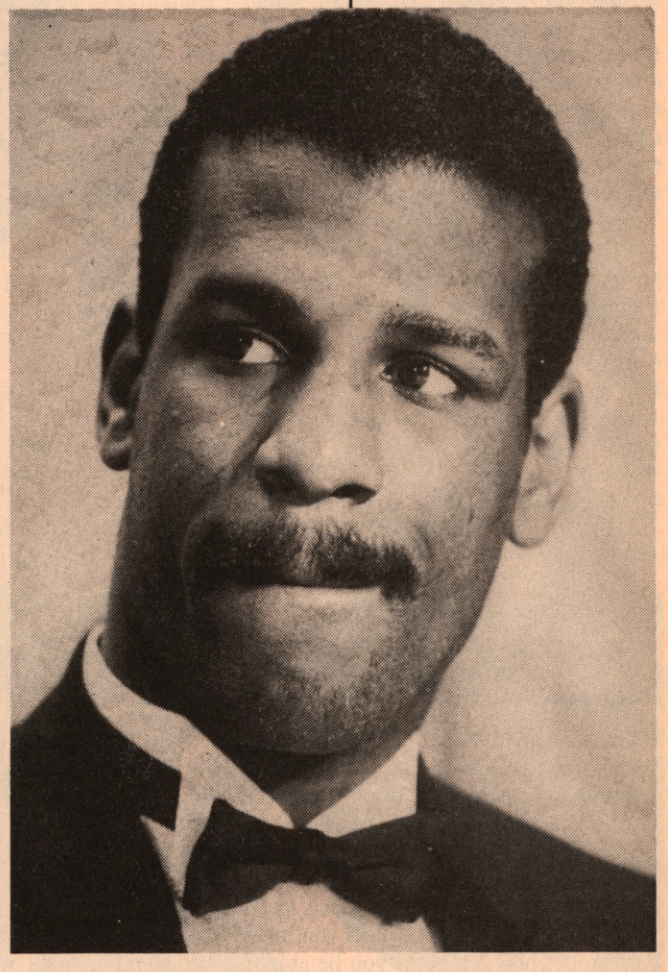
Take for example the "punch gun," or whatever they call it, that HBO uses to tell us the exact number of punches each fighter has thrown or landed in a given round.

This is supposed to present us with fairly conclusive evidence on the question of which fighter is doing better, on the assumption that a higher number of punches thrown, or a higher percentage of punches landed, must prove one man's superiority.

This, of course, is patent nonsense. As a moment's thought will indicate, a fighter could simply lower his head and flail away, throwing hundreds of punches, landing some of them, and do no damage. His opponent could throw only six or seven punches, landing only three or four, and do infinitely more damage. Nor is "punches landed" any indicator. I could hit Michael Spinks 78 glancing blows and do nothing to him; he could hit me once

Back when Muhammad Ali was in his prime he would sometimes win a round in which he threw no more than half a dozen blows.

This month, Joseph D'O'Brian speculates on what would happen if Michael Spinks hit him with one or two solid punches.



or twice and have me speaking Hungarian to the timekeeper.

What HBO is doing with these computerized statistics is pandering to the American obsession with numbers. We love numbers; we have sports like baseball and football which can be reduced to extremely accurate numerical indicators of performance, and it frustrates us when we have to deal with a sport like boxing, which is made up of so many intangibles.

Can you imagine what the public's impression of certain old fighters would have been if we'd been exposed to them on HBO? What would we have thought of Henry Armstrong or Rocky Marciano, who would miss five punches for every one they landed? Or what would we have thought of Muhammad Ali, who would often win a round in which he threw no more than half a dozen blows?

It seems to me, then, that if the HBO commentators were so all-fired knowledgeable, they'd inform the public that their employer's high-tech measuring device is nothing but a gimmick to provide inaccurate information to people who don't want to be bothered with learning what's really going on in the ring. Or does HBO honestly believe that they'd lose viewers if they didn't have those silly numbers to flash on the screen?

Of course, something like this is only going to hurt the fan, and only then if the fan allows himself to be misled. But there are a good many other falsehoods spread by the mass media which might do (and in some cases have done) real damage to the sport.

Look at the *Rocky* movies—if you have a strong stomach. Have you ever noticed that Rocky and his various opponents look nothing at all like boxers? They look like fag bodybuilders with severe steroid habits, not like boxers. But as a result of these movies, the general public expects boxers to look like that. And as a result of public expectations, a lot of fighters *are* starting to look like that. And boxers who look like that generally live to regret it.

The all-time greatest boxers never had huge, perfectly-defined muscles. Joe Louis, Muhammad Ali, Archie Moore, Marcel Cerdan and Benny Leonard were not lean men; they were in terrific shape, but they always carried a certain amount of body fat into the ring. There are two reasons for this: First, a little fat gives you something to burn off in the late rounds.

Rocky Marciano, shown here posing with actress Mamie Van Doren, would often miss five punches for every one he landed. Wonder what would HBO's "punch gun" have to say about that.

If you have no fat, you'll run out of energy and collapse. Second, too many muscles will cut your mobility. Not only will you not be able to move well, but you won't be able to roll with the punches as well.

If you get punched in the head, you've got to be able to move your neck to diminish the force of the blow. If your neck is all rock, how well will you be able to do that?

Ever wonder why the really muscle-bound fighters—Mancini, Carnera, Norton, Costello—were the ones who always got their heads knocked off? And if more and more fighters keep coming into the ring trying to look like Sly Stallone, how long do you think it'll be before we see a lot of serious injuries?

Speaking of injuries, TV commentators have gone a long way in misinforming the public about the significance—or lack thereof—of the knockdown. Have you noticed? And have you noticed that this is ultimately hurting the boxer more than anyone?

Let's look at two recently-instituted rules which presumably make the sport more humane—the three-knockdown rule and the standing eight-count.

These rules were both instituted primarily to make the sport more palatable to the TV viewer, who generally knows less about the sport than the guy who sits in the live audience. The three-knockdown rule was invented to protect the Nervous Nellies who didn't like to see a fighter bouncing up and down too many times; the standing-eight was invented because of the three-knockdown rule.

If every knockdown were the result of a devastating series of blows that left a fighter severely damaged, there would be some sense to the three-knockdown rule. Nobody wants to see a fighter take more stick than he safely can. But no knockdown is like another. Some are truly fearsome; some are more slips than knockdowns, and some are at varying points in between.

Also, each figher will react to a knockdown differently from any other fighter. Floyd Patterson used to get knocked down a lot, but this was often due more to his poor balance than to his chin. Joe Louis did not have a strong jaw, and was decked fairly frequently as a result, but he had remarkable powers of recovery; he was usually fine as soon as he got up. Joe Frazier was a very hard man to put down, but if he did go down, you knew he was in dire straits.

As a result of this idiotic rule, a lot of fighters try desperately to stay upright when hurt, thus taking tremendous punishment that they could have avoided by going to one knee. And a lot of very good fighters have their careers ruined by being ruled "out" just because they've lost their balance once too often. But how often do you hear TV commentators talk about this?

The standing eight-count was invented, presumably, to protect a fighter who didn't have the sense to fall down when he was too badly hurt to fight back. In the old days, of course, a fighter could go down under these circumstances, since referees stopped fights on the basis of injury, not of the number of knockdowns.

The standing-eight is supposed to be a humane rule; it is, in fact, just the opposite. It's like sentencing a man to five hundred strokes of the whip, stopping after the three hundredth stroke because he's too badly hurt to take any more, then giving him the remaining strokes when he's cured. If a guy's hurt badly, let him go

down; if he hasn't the presence of mind to do that, he's probably not in any shape to continue. And if he's in no shape to continue, an eight-second rest is not going to help him much. It could kill him.

I do not mean to imply, by the way, that TV commentators are invariably spreaders of useless myths. Every now and then, they do go a little way towards giving the viewer a better understanding of the game. For one thing, TV commentators have virtually eliminated the old "lucky punch" theory.

It used to be that a slow, clumsy fighter could get his puss jabbed off for eight or nine rounds, then land one titanic swing to put a surprise end to the encounter, only to have his victory discredited by the idea that that one punch was pure luck. Now, if you have a competent color man talking you through the action, you're more likely to see that that one punch wasn't an accident at all.

Take the recent Alexis Aguello-Billy Costello bout. Now, to the naked eye, it looked as though Arguello was a tired old man who just happened to throw the only good punch he was going to throw that night just as Costello decided to walk into it. But if you were watching that fight on TV, with the sound on, you knew that Arguello was fighting mad for the first few rounds because Costello's management (in a move typical of them) raised a stink about a few inches of excess gauze on Arguello's fists during the hand-taping session. Arguello was getting killed precisely because he was looking for that one big punch. Granted, he might have won quicker if he'd been calm, but at least the TV boys let us know that his win was no fluke.

Some of the braver TV commentators will go a little way, now and then, towards de-bunking the myth that all fighters are brave, noble, clean and honest beneath the rough and tough exterior. *Most* fighters are brave, noble, clean and honest. Some of them are creeps, and sometimes we'll catch one being a creep on TV.

Not long ago, a comebacking Eddie Mustafa Muhammad scored a one-round kayo over a highly forgettable stiff. The fight was of no historical importance, but it was interesting in that the TV cameras very explicitly showed Mustafa knocking his man out with a punch that might have hit a passing mosquito, but certainly came nowhere near his opponent. The replay was shown over and over, each time showing a discernible patch of air between Mustafa's fist and his opponent's chin. Mustafa himself was brought before the camera to talk us through the "kayo," and was confronted with the evidence on the monitor. Now, he might have said something like, "I can't argue with the evidence. I guess he just didn't want to fight." But the former light heavyweight champ said nothing of the sort. Instead, he claimed that he'd felt the punch land "all the way to my toes." Must have been one tough mosquito.

My point here is that putting boxing on TV is like putting ballet on TV: It's terrific to have it available, and it's great that so many people are being exposed to it. It's best of all when a little education goes with it. But if you leave out the education, the whole thing is going to be way over most people's heads. After all, people dislike boxing for the same reason people dislike ballet. Given the right information, they'd love it. □

Eddie Mustafa Muhammad was less than candid after a recent knockout win. Read "Outsmarting Your TV Set" for details.

Ring Side Reports

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

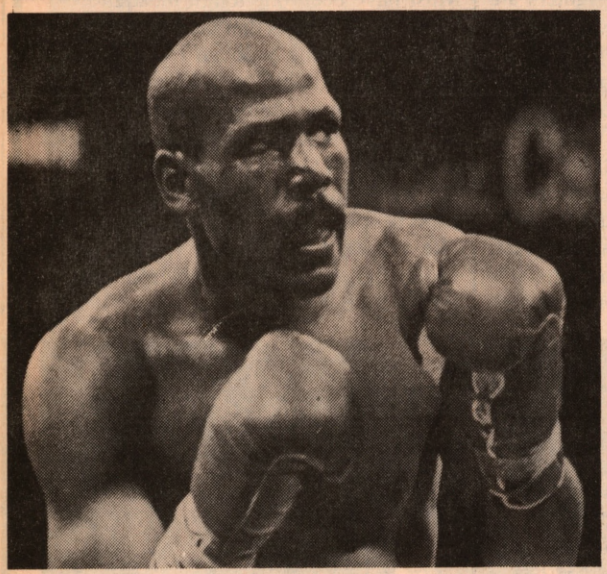


PHOTO BY JERRY CLARK

Marvin Johnson wins THE RING'S "Fighter of the Month" award for his record-setting victory over Leslie Stewart for the vacant WBA light heavyweight title. Johnson is the only fighter in boxing history to win the 175-pound crown three times.

While pondering the dilemma of choosing a winner from among the many outstanding candidates, the editors of *The Ring* soon realized that this month certainly belonged to boxing's geriatric set. In fact, none of those honored will ever see their 30th birthday again. After much soul searching, we decided that **Marvin Johnson** should receive top honors for becoming the first fighter in the history of boxing to win the light heavyweight title three times. The Indianapolis slugger achieved this feat with a seventh-round TKO over Leslie Stewart for the vacant WBA 175-pound belt.

First runner-up spot goes to former WBA heavyweight champion **Mike Weaver** for his stunning second round knockout of Carl (The Truth) Williams. Most figured Weaver, 34, was just a stepping stone for Williams, but Mike rolled back the clock with a left hook that destroyed Carl and reestablished Weaver as a threat to the heavyweight title.

Rounding out our trio of graybeards is future Hall-of-Famer **Alexis Arguello** who belted out Bill Costello in the fourth round of a battle between ex-champs giving their careers one more try.

All-in-all, not bad for a bunch of senior citizens! □

NELSON-VILLASANA
WBC Featherweight Title

INGLEWOOD, CA.—AZUMA Nelson retained his World Boxing Council featherweight championship for the third time with a 12-round majority decision over Marcos Villasana. Many thought Nelson won easily, but *The Ring* could not quarrel with the scores of California judges Lou Filippo (116-112); Rudy Ortega (116-113); and Dr. James Jen-Kin (114-114). John Thomas was the non-scoring referee.

Nelson, stronger, harder hitting, more skilled, and confident almost to the point of being cocky, should have won handily, but his peculiar schizophrenic strategy nearly cost him his title.

Nelson lazily gave away a couple of early rounds but then showed he could dominate with any one of several styles.

In one round, Nelson clearly out-jabbed Villasana; in other rounds he had Villasana bewildered by a barrage of powerful left uppercuts. Nelson was able to win rounds by either boxing and moving on the outside, or by controlling center ring and out-fighting the game Villasana. However, in at least three rounds, the champion propped himself in his corner and absorbed a body bombardment by the Mexican challenger.

Nelson, 125½, Accra, Ghana, shifted gears several times even in the first round. He fought cautiously early as Villasana charged forward from the opening bell. In the second minute, Nelson began to dance on his toes, then just as suddenly he switched to a flat footed, walk-in approach. Two of the three judges gave the round to Villasana.

A busier Nelson began to get his jab going in the second. Villasana, also 125½, Acapulco, fought well defensively, often making Nelson miss badly, but it was the champion's round.

Villasana, picking up most of his points with an effective jab, clearly took the third.

The quicker Nelson outbrawled Villasana in an entertaining fourth. Several times Villasana was barely able to avoid ripping left uppercuts that were meant to end the fight. A right just before the bell wobbled the challenger.

A confident Nelson raised his punch rate in the fifth. Nelson won the round with stinging jabs, but Villasana retaliated with annoying body jabs.

Nelson was also doing well in the sixth, then inexplicably retreated to the ropes. Villasana followed and launched an all out attack to Nelson's body, stealing the round on *The Ring* card.

The seventh was close. Nelson got the better of the early action, but then was content to trade jabs with Villasana. Although Nelson was dictating the pace, it was easy to see how Villasana's late round flurry to the body could have swayed the judges.

Nelson gave away the first half of the eighth, Villasana scoring solidly while Nelson covered on the ropes. The African then got serious and took the fight to Villasana in the

second half of the round. A right to the nose shook the Mexican and Villasana finished the round bleeding from a cut on the bridge of his nose.

With the fight still in the balance, Nelson surprisingly spent most of the ninth supported by the ropes in his own corner. Villasana kept going forward, unflinchingly absorbing the champion's best punches, and coming back with more of his own. Nelson may have been effective, but considering his options, his strategy was curious, to say the least. Clearly bothered by the cut on his nose, Villasana let Nelson do most of the work in the tenth round.

Nelson again preferred to fight off the ropes in the 11th, where the two gallant boxers battled furiously head-to-head. Many of Villasana's body punches strayed low, but the champion never complained and sportingly acknowledged Villasana's tremendous effort as he headed back to his corner.

The final round was like the others, fast-paced and entertaining, but it was Nelson who was dominant.

Nelson, 23-1 with 17 knockouts, is now hoping to fight WBA featherweight champion Barry McGuigan in a lucrative title unification bout. Villasana, 34-5-1 with 28 knockouts, will almost certainly retain his high ranking, if not his number one challenger's position, among WBC featherweights.

A parade of former Mexican champions fought four rounders for the benefit of Mexican earthquake victims on the undercard.

Former bantamweight champion Rafael Herrera, 126, Jalisco, Mexico, in remarkable shape for a 41-year-old who had not fought in nine years, won a majority decision over old foe Alfredo Meneses, also 126, Puebla, Mexico. Scoring: referee Marty Denkin, 39-37; judge Filippo, 39-37; judge Jen-Kin, 38-38.

Thirty four year old bantamweight legend Carlos Zarate, 127, Mexico City, was also in excellent shape, but he was badly wobbled in the third before winning a majority decision over Adam Garcia, 130, El Mirage, Arizona. Scoring: referee Denkin, 39-37; judge Larry Rozadilla, 39-37; judge Jordan, 38-38. Zarate plans on continuing his comeback.

Ever popular ex-bantamweight and featherweight king Ruben Olivares, 133½, Mexico City, was fortunate to draw with Roman Almaguer, 129½, Chino. Scoring: referee Denkin, 38-38; judge Rozadilla, 39-38 Olivares; judge Filippo, 39-37 Almaguer.

Former welterweight champion Pipino Cuevas, 155½, Mexico City, unanimously outpointed Felipe Vaca, 159, Tijuana, all three officials scoring 39-37. Vaca was strangely reluctant to follow up after nearly decking Cuevas in the second. Rozadilla, referee.

Ex-lightweight champ Rodolfo Gonzalez, 145, Mexico City, was too strong and experienced for Rollin Williams, 144, Phoenix, not losing a round. Rozadilla, referee.

Women boxers Graciela Casillas, 130, Santa Monica, and Tanya McCloud, 126, Pennsgrove, opened the show. Casillas was the winner after a hard fought four. Scoring: referee Rozadilla, 39-38; judge Filippo, 39-37; judge Jen-Kin, 40-36.

Olympic silver medalist Hector Lopez, 126½, Glendale, unanimously outpointed 100-fight veteran Juan Antonio Lopez, 130, Culiacan, 10, all three officials scoring 98-92. Juan Antonio chased but could not catch the younger and slicker Hector (8-0). Denkin, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.

Ernie Snow, timekeeper.

Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.

Jerry Buss, Fighters Aid to Mexico, Inc., promoters.

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LORA-VASQUEZ

WBC Bantamweight Title

MIAMI BEACH, FLA.—Miguel (Happy) Lora, a Colombian now living in Miami, successfully defended his bantamweight WBC title winning a 12-round unanimous, but extremely hard fought, decision over Wilfredo Vasquez of Puerto Rico at the Miami Beach Convention Center.

Lora, with a height and reach advantage, won the first two rounds easily, sending Vasquez to the canvas with a left hook in the second. In the third, Lora abandoned his boxing skills and stood toe-to-toe with Vasquez until the challenger floored him with a left hook in round four.

Vasquez won the fifth with superior infighting. In the sixth, Lora changed his style and won the next three rounds with solid combinations.

Lora continued to pound Vasquez in the 10th, opening cuts under both eyes of the challenger. However, in the eleventh, Vasquez turned the tables, closing Lora's right eye.

The 12th was a slugfest from bell to bell. Colombians and Puerto Ricans danced around waving their country's flags, each claiming their man had won the fight. However, Lora got the decision.

Judge Carol Castellano scored 115-112, while Arsenio Garcia had it 116-113 and Jerry Roth 116-111. Jose Oberto refereed.

Lora is now 24-0. Vasquez fell to 24-2-2. Both came in at 118.

Fabricio Benichow, 118, France, scored a TKO at 2:05 of the seventh of a scheduled eight over Jesse Williams, also 118, Orlando, when the doctor stopped the fight due to a badly cut left eye. Bernie Soto refereed.

Joe Rivera, 132, Miami, TKOd Chris Anderson, 134, Miami, at 1:57 of the second of a scheduled four. Bill Connors refereed.

In a scheduled six, Fred Del Gado, 174¾, Miami, scored a TKO at 2:08 of the first over Joe Lewis, 168, Miami. Eckert refereed.

Lori Perez, 126, Miami, TKOd Teofello Santana, also 126, Miami, at 2:15 of the second of a scheduled four. Eckert refereed.

Promoter—Chi Chi Enterprises.

Matchmakers—Ricke Encenosa, Trito Zubala.

Attendance—5,000 (estimated).

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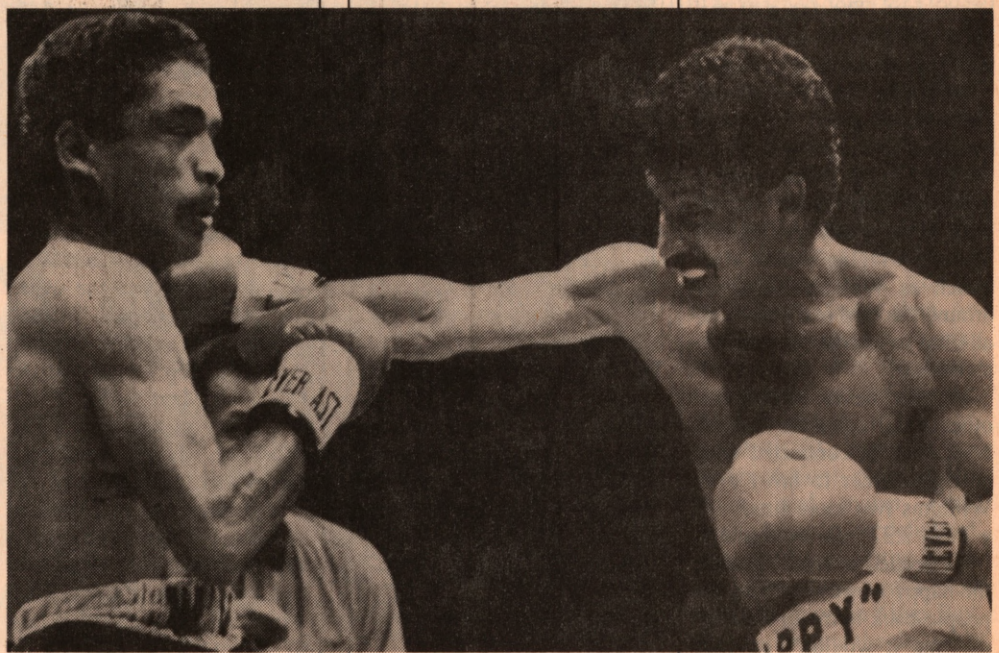
LOUIS ZIPKIN

WEAVER-WILLIAMS

TROY, N.Y.—ONE LEFT hook was all it took and Mike Weaver was right back in the heavyweight title picture. The unfortunate recipient of the thunderous punch was Carl (The Truth) Williams, who seemed to be on his way to victory before falling victim to what was probably the hardest punch Weaver has landed since his come-from-behind kayo over John Tate in 1980.

The bout was the co-feature on the Mike Tyson-Jesse Ferguson bill at the RCI Field-



Miguel (Happy) Lora connects with a right to the face of challenger Wilfredo Vazquez during their Miami Beach battle for the WBC bantamweight title. Lora retained the belt with a hard-fought, 12-round decision.

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house. Although many of the fans left the building following Tyson's triumph, those who remained were rewarded with a thrilling punchout. Williams, considered by many to be one of the brightest young stars in the heavyweight galaxy, was favored to beat the former WBA champ, who was coming off a knockout loss to Pinklon Thomas.

The match got off to a brisk start with Williams, 218, initiating most of the exchanges. Both landed well in the first, but Williams had the better of it. His left jab was on target and all three judges gave him the round.

Weaver, 213, always a slow starter, was back on the receiving end as the second round got underway. Williams, his confidence growing with each punch he landed, connected with several sharp rights to the head and Weaver seemed to be in trouble.

Thinking a quick victory was within his grasp, Williams moved in, firing lefts and rights. Weaver, reacting like a wounded lion, suddenly saw the opening he'd been waiting for and pulled the trigger. His left hook flashed up from the hip and crashed, full force, into the side of Williams' jaw. The force of the blow sent Carl ricocheting off the ropes and to the canvas.

Although badly stunned and glassy-eyed, Williams managed to stagger to his feet. Referee Tony Perez took a good look and waved Weaver back to the attack. And attack he did, winging punch after punch as Williams wobbled around the ring in a desperate attempt to escape his fired-up tormentor.

Weaver never landed another shot to equal the first left hook, but he connected with enough leather to bowl over Williams two more times for a TKO 2:37 into the round.

"I needed to win," gushed the happy winner. "I told the people back home in California that it wouldn't go past three rounds. People didn't believe me, but I had no doubt in my mind that I was going to knock him out."

Weaver denied he was in trouble himself when he came up with the big blow that instantly turned the fight around.

"He hit me with a good left hook and a good right hand, but it didn't really hurt me or get me in trouble. They know I'm a slow starter, and I expected him to come out in the first round and really take advantage of it. But he didn't."

"I hurt Mike, and I went after him a little carelessly, and that's how I got caught," said Williams. "If I had picked my shots a little better, I probably would've taken him out. But once you get caught, Mike is a devastating puncher.

"It's a devastating loss," continued Williams, whose record dropped to 17-2, with 13 kayoes. "It's gonna set me back to some degree, but you know, I'll be back. It's only a matter of time because I'm the 'Truth.' "

For the 34-year-old Weaver, it was a career-saving win. "If I had lost this fight, I would have figured it (boxing) wasn't what God wanted me to do," Weaver said after raising his record to 28-11, 19 kayoes.

Many thought that Weaver's spectacular win would earn him a spot in the HBO sponsored heavyweight series, but as we go to press Weaver is scheduled to fight Bonecrusher Smith for CBS-TV.

Calvin Grove, 127¾, Coatsville, Pa., won a unanimous 10-round decision over Jeff Roberts, 127¼, Brooklyn, by scores of 8-2 and 6-4 (twice) to up his pro log to 23-0, 12 kayoes. Roberts slipped to 12-7, four kayoes. Referee, Perez.

Frank Tate, 162, Houston, won an unpopular, but unanimous 10-round decision over Jerry Williams, 158¾, Philadelphia. The scores were 8-2, 7-3 and 5-4-1. Tate is now 11-0, seven kayoes, while Williams dropped to 9-3, one kayo. Referee, Sid Rubenstein.

Joe Loving, 137, Rochester, N.Y., nipped Troy's Sammy Young, 137¾, via majority decision in a crowd-pleasing six. Referee, Rubenstein.

Purdue Hall, 264, Cleveland, TKO'd Sammy Scaff, 250, Ashland, Kenn. in the second round.

Stephen Frost, 158, Albany, N.Y., TKO'd Tom Cole, 159¾, Rhode Island, in the second round.

Judges—Don Ackerman, Eva Shain, Edwin Kintz.

Timekeeper—Carol Blair.

Promoter—HBA East and Tri-City Promotions.

Matchmaker—Ron Katz.

Attendance—7,600 (capacity).

Gate—$200,000.

(02-16-86)

NIGEL COLLINS

McGUIGAN-CABRERA
WBA Featherweight Title

DUBLIN, IRELAND—IT IS said that truth is stranger than fiction, but if anyone had scripted the World Boxing Association featherweight title between champion Barry McGuigan, 125½, and Dominican Danilo Cabrera, 125, for a film, they couldn't have done a better job than the actual contest. Although it is early in the year, the bout will certainly be among the contenders for the Best Fight of 1986.

McGuigan kept his crown, the fight being stopped by referee Ed Eckert of America, somewhat belatedly, at 1:40 of the 14th round in a scheduled 15-rounder. Before that, there had been drama, excitement, tension, and loads of action. In fact, every ingredient to make it an unforgettable night for the 6,000 fans from North and Southern Ireland, and for the millions who watched it all over the world on TV. McGuigan finished with injuries around both eyes that will keep him out of the ring until May.

Cabrera came in as a late substitute when original contender Fernando Sosa of the Argentine broke a finger in training. As the show was being televised and all tickets had been sold, Barney Eastwood had the unenviable task of finding a replacement on short notice.

Luckily, Cabrera was in training, and with the help of Barney's agent, Mickey Duff, his services were secured. Rated sixth by the WBA, he was only too happy to oblige, although outside his own country he was virtually unknown.

Having prepared to meet Sosa, and planned his strategy accordingly, McGuigan now had to start all over again, adjusting his training to combat the little that was known of Cabrera's style.

This was Dublin's first world title fight since Mike McTigue beat Battling Siki in 1923, and it is doubtful if that fight had so much excitement as this one.

McGuigan started a hot favorite. It was generally thought the fight would end in around six rounds, but the odds of 8-1 were ridiculous, especially in light of what actually happened.

After the National Anthems were played, and Barry's father, Pat McGuigan, had sung Danny Boy, which now seems traditional in all his world title fights, the contestants both came out quickly at the opening bell. McGuigan immediately went into his left-jab routine, and with success, but Cabrera soon started jabbing back, and wasn't averse to throwing a right hand or two.

Cabrera was still looking fresh in the 10th, dancing in and out and landing four light left jabs without reply. McGuigan was as strong as ever, and wasn't seeking to shield his injuries. He could have kept it at long range, and boxed his way to a comfortable points win, but that isn't his style.

Cabrera started each round fast, but finished slow. He was still in there fighting, never willing to concede an inch, knowing that just one more blow on those cuts might bring him victory. The eleventh passed uneventfully,

but in the following round McGuigan got well on top, and his fans began shouting "BARRY! BARRY! BARRY!"

It was still blow-for-blow, still the "survival of the fittest," but there could be no doubt that Cabrera was now a weary man. Nevertheless, he still had the strength to drive the champ across the ring, although he didn't have the strength to do anything about it when he got his man on the ropes.

In round 14, McGuigan caught Cabrera with two vicious lefts to the head. Cabrera tried to hang on but collapsed on the canvas. He took an eight count, but walked to his own corner as if to say, "I've had enough." Yet the referee wiped his gloves and "invited" him to continue.

Cabrera staggered forward like a lamb to the slaughter, and fell into McGuigan. He tried to hang on, but McGuigan extricated himself and the challenger fell to the canvas. He got up, only to go down again when in a standing position he stooped forward with both hands on the canvas, groping for his gumshield. McGuigan came in, threw a couple of light punches, then stood back, shrugging his shoulders as if to say: "Why doesn't he stop it?" But the referee still hesitated, then with Cabrera in the same stooping position, eventually called a halt.

Full credit to Cabrera for a great display of courage; and not a little skill. He fought his heart out, and no one could have done more.

(02-15-86)

RON OLVER

WBA featherweight champion Barry McGuigan (left) was forced to eat a lot of leather before finally stopping challenger Danilo Cabrera in the 14th round of their title fight in Dublin.

ARGUELLO-COSTELLO

RENO, NEVADA—ANY DAY now the national media will be informing devotees of boxing that Alexis Arguello will be going for an unprecedented fourth title in different weight classes, or preparing for one more "confidence" bout before taking that giant step.

Having turned 34 on April 10, the charismatic Arguello was a spectacular TKO winner over Bill Costello in his first Northern Nevada outing last February. Yet other than a picture-perfect right hand to the jaw in the fourth round, few of the skills that brought him three world championships were in effect.

True, Alexis struck a resounding note for the greybeards of fistiana in dispatching a 29-year-old former World Boxing Council super lightweight champion, but until he reached down for a touch of guile that all the great ones cling to, Arguello, slow afoot and reflexes awry, trailed on all official scorecards at the Lawlor Events Center.

Judges Dave Moretti, Doug Tucker, and Keith McDonald were on the money in their 30-27 evaluation under the 10-point must system. Nobody knew it any better than Arguello, who rated it "a poor performance until the fourth round when I saw the opening, and delivered the right."

Statistically, Arguello, and his connections, manager Bill Miller, and trainer Eddie Futch, have to be delighted. After all, the man from Managua, Nicaragua, who now makes his home in Kings Bay, Florida, became the destroyer

of old—if only for an instant—once the rhythm returned after his traditionally slow start.

And unswerving admirers of the handsome Latin were quick to stress it took 23-year-old Lonnie Smith of Denver eight rounds and five knockdowns to claim Costello's title last August in Madison Square Garden. The fraternity also reminds the former 140-pound ruler from Kingston, New York, had won 30 straight bouts before facing the Colorado speed merchant. Arguello wasn't exactly in there with a stiff.

Arguello is a man on a mission, obsessed by going where no peer in the annals of the sport has gone before him. Winning the World Boxing Association featherweight title (1974), the WBC junior lightweight (1978), and WBC lightweight crowns (1981) in a 17-year professional career would be enough for even the greatest of gladiators, but it's been obvious for some time that Alexis marches to a different drummer.

Though Arguello argues that his return from a two-year layoff is motivated by a bid for history, it must be noted he also is fighting to insure financial security for his wife and their 11-year-old son.

From the time he lost his home and all possessions in the 1972 Managua earthquake, Arguello was trapped by political and domestic adversity. After the Sandinistas' revolt in 1979, the then dual titleholder had two homes, two cars, a yacht, and sizeable bank account confiscated.

However, Alexis was a millionaire again by the time he made two unsuccessful bids to take a prime-time Aaron Pryor's WBA junior welter crown in 1982-83. But what was to be permanent retirement became a nightmare when bad business investments emptied his pockets, and Uncle Sam sent the IRS in to collect $600,000 in back taxes.

There is no way he could make the kind of money doing TV beer commercials that his universal appeal in the ring could generate. Even at this late hour, Arguello's credentials are still an awesome 80 victories in 86 bouts, including 65 knockouts.

In both Las Vegas and Reno sports books, Arguello was the betting favorite, but it wouldn't be that way if he faced Smith for the title, according to Herbie "Hoops" Lambeck.

"If they were fighting tomorrow, I'd make Smith a −$2.50 choice with Arguello at +$2.50," Lambeck told *The Ring*. "Arguello has a good chin and he took some good punches from Costello, but I don't think Alexis would lay a glove on Smith. Costello was in control, landing some good combinations. Alexis made Costello look fast like a boxer, and he's not that fast."

Despite all his experience, Arguello was so intense over this fight that he let Victor Valle, Costello's trainer, and manager Mike Jones almost psyche him out. Valle complained to the Nevada State Athletic Commission that Arguello was using too much tape across the knuckles in wrapping his own hands. The NSAC's Duane Ford told Alexis he would have to rewrap the hands.

"I think it was uncalled for because for the last 11 years I've always wrapped my own hands," Alexis said. "The idea was to make me upset and it worked."

Miller contends "it had nothing to do with the wrapping, but just a ploy to keep Alexis cold." Ford's argument was that Arguello used 18 yards of gauze when only 10 are permitted.

"We really didn't have ample time to warm up," said Futch. "After the bandage confusion, I would have liked six to eight minutes to warm up. We had only two, and it showed because Alexis was cold and upset. It showed in the first three rounds."

Arguello, one pound lighter at 143, missed badly in the first two rounds, as Costello darted in and out, and successfully moved laterally to keep the action in the center of the ring. The New Yorker scored with over hand rights and combinations to the body.

Arguello continued wide with his punches in the third round as Costello dug to the body with hooks and jabbed on the run. Alexis' breathing appeared labored at the bell.

Futch prodded his charge to be "more aggressive in the fourth round," and Arguello followed the message, rushing out with combinations to the head. Costello danced away, but Alexis the stalker went right with him. Costello suddenly backed to the ropes as he threw a light jab to set up the right.

It's disaster for fighters to go to the ropes against Arguello, and the ex-triple champion proved it with a straight right on the jaw. The shot was flush on target, snapping Costello's head sideways. Costello suddenly pitched over on his left side, looking much like Humpty-Dumpty tumbling down from the wall.

Costello struggled to his feet as referee Mills Lane tolled "eight," but he was still shaky. Mills kept Arguello at bay while the pride of Kingston tried to untangle himself from the ropes. When Arguello finally swarmed in, he pinned Costello on the ropes and tagged him with eight unanswered punches before Mills called it off at 1:42.

Arguello hinted he was slightly flustered by Costello's in-and-out strategy, but was surprised when Bill went back against the ropes.

"In the middle of the ring Costello is better, he has a chance," Alexis opined, "but going against the ropes is better for me. He was doing a

Alexis Arguello (right) takes a left hook from Bill Costello during the early going of their bout in Reno. Arguello rallied from a shaky start to TKO Costello in the fourth.

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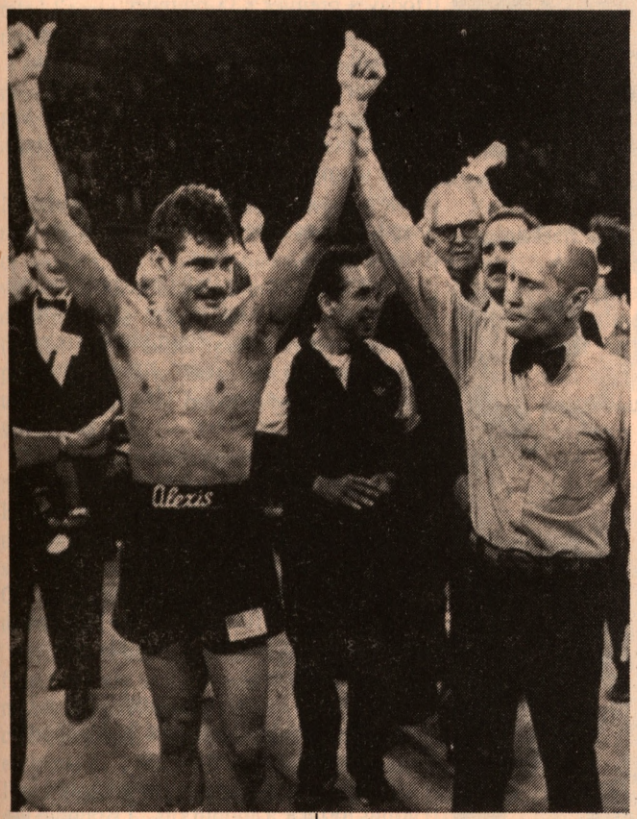
Alexis Arguello has his arm raised by referee Mills Lane following his come-from-behind TKO over Bill Costello.



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great job in the middle of the ring. Then he opened his own grave.

"I think my timing was off, but by the third round I felt loose," Arguello continued. "When I saw the opening I took it. But it was a great show. Billy went all the way like a man. I think another 10-rounder would be good. If that would happen, I'd be happy. If that didn't happen, I would be happy, too."

Costello, who won the crown January 29, 1984 with a 10-round TKO over Bruce Curry in Beaumont, Texas, and defended against Ronnie Shields, Saoul Mamby, and Leroy Haley before Smith, made no excuses.

"He (Arguello) countered me with a right hand as I was leading with my right. It was a good punch. Arguello is a good fighter . . . a great fighter," Costello conceded. "He just beat me . . . that's all."

Before the fight, Costello said, "If I lose to an old man like Arguello, I'd better retire." The seven year pro retired after his upset by Smith, but later recanted, returning last December to score his 18th kayo with a two-round stoppage of Rick Kaiser.

Jones, who once shared the managerial reins of Gerry Cooney with Dennis Rappaport, may have been thinking out loud in the post fight analysis.

"Bill has nothing to gain from boxing, nothing more to prove," said the New Yorker. "He has gone further than 90 percent of all boxers have gone. He was a world champion. He has nothing to gain by staying in the ring other than getting hurt."

On the undercard, Vinnie Costello, 133, the ex-champion's younger brother from Kingston, improved his record to 18-1-1 when he TKO'd Las Vegas' Caesar Alanis, 131, at 2:29 of the fourth in a junior lightweight 10-rounder. Alanis's record fell to 13-5.

Laurie Mann, 142, Eugene, Oregon, gained a hard-fought 10-round decision over Dennis Mulholland, 142, North Hollywood, California, in junior welterweight action. Mann is now 24-2, while Mulholland dipped to 17-3.

Undefeated Jesse Lopez, Jr., 140, Eugene, Oregon, improved to 12-0 when he stopped Gerado Venzor, 140, El Paso, Texas, at 1:35 of the third round in a junior welter bout slated for eight rounds. Venzor's log skidded to 18-9.

Reno's John Sheperd, 148, gave away six inches in height and came on to stop Bobby Sinibaldi, 147, Carson City, at 2:39 of the third round of a scheduled six-round bout.

In a heavyweight four-rounder, Bob Dietlmeier, 221, Toms River, New Jersey, won his fourth straight bout when he stopped Paul Bradshaw, 249¼, Phoenix, on a TKO at 2:01 of the third round.

A crowd of 4,123 spectators created a gate of $133,217 to see the co-promotion of the Reno-Sparks Convention/Visitors Authority, and Tiffany Promotions (Sam Glass) but with expenses estimated at $200,000, Greg Rivet, Authority special events director, said the deficit was $60,000.
(02-09-86)

JACK WELSH

ZAPATA-LUCAS
WBA Flyweight Title

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA—Hilario Zapata, 111½, successfully defended the WBA flyweight title with a unanimous 15-round decision over fourth-ranked Javier Lucas, 112, Mexico, by scores of 146-142 (Cesar Ramos), 147-144 (Luis Sulbaran) and 146-141 (Winston Stewart). *The Ring* agreed, scoring the fight 146-144 for Zapata.

Lucas, a late sub for Korean Hi Sup Shin, was baffled by Zapata's movement. The champion, who has the cunning of a fox and the sting of a bee, completely outboxed his challenger.

Luis Spada, Zapata's manager, wants to keep Hilario busy, and has already scheduled an April defense against Japan's Suichi Homuzi in Tokyo.

DURAN-ZAMBRANO

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA—Roberto Duran's comeback finally became a reality. And it became a reality with a bang . . . a bang that was heard around the world. A right cross to the jaw of Manuel Esteban Zambrano sent the Colombian home with a triple fracture of the jaw and gave Panama's idol a second round kayo to start his comeback.

The end came 2:57 into the round when referee Carlos Berrocal counted out Zambrano, who was resting on one knee, his left glove draped over second rope in a neutral corner.

The blow that put an end to the fight was a long left hook that only brushed Zambrano's chin, but according to referee Berrocal, the "finishing" blow came earlier when Duran caught the Colombian junior middleweight champion with a wicked right cross to the jaw.

"The blow landed squarely on Zambrano's jaw," said Berrocal. "I heard the blow crash against the bone and I knew he was hurt. Zambrano went into a clinch and when I tried to get them apart I had an easy task, I felt as if his strength was gone, but he kept on fighting. Duran threw two or three more punches, but the damage was done, and when the left hook brushed his chin Zambrano went down."

A frenzy crowd of about 12,000 people (9,272 paid) gave Duran a rousing ovation as Berrocal raised his arm in triumph. The former triple champion did not show much after an 18-month layoff. He was off-target most of the time and slowed down after only two rounds. His hitting power was however, there.

The Duran-Zambrano bout was part of the card in which Hilario Zapata kept his WBA flyweight title with a unanimous decision over Mexican Javier Lucas.

In other matches, Bernardo Checa, 128, decisioned Colombian Alvaro Narvaez, 127¼, over ten dull rounds.

National bantamweight champion Azael Moran, 119, won a 10-round verdict over Latin American titleholder Benito Badilla, also 119, of Chile.

Benedicto Murillo, 107¾, outlasted undefeated Eduardo Tunon, 108½, to hand him his first setback after 11 wins as a pro, in a 10-round match.

Dominican Manuel Batista handed Francisco (Rocky) Fernandez his first defeat as a junior lightweight, after eight straight kayo wins. Both fighters scaled 131½ pounds.
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JOAQUIN MARTINEZ-ROUSSET

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THE "PIT BULL" BITES THE "BUTTERFLY"

Bramble Wants Camacho Following TKO Over Crawley

by Jack Welsh

LOVE HIM OR HATE HIM, IT'S BEGINning to look like Livingstone Bramble just might be the best lightweight in the world.

Regardless of one's personal feelings about the sometimes controversial and always eccentric native of the Virgin Islands, his 13th round TKO over Crawley certainly underlines Bramble's claim as today's premier 135-pounder.

It wasn't 30 minutes after Bramble handed the gutty Crawley, the WBA's number one contender from Philadelphia, the first inside-the-distance defeat of his career that he looked to 1986 "as the best year of my career."

Why not? Livingstone had just delivered the finest performance in 26 professional bouts.

Even before he left the ring in the Goldwyn Ballroom of the glitzy MGM Grand Hotel-Casino, Bramble shook perspiration from his "corn rows" and declared to the crowd: "The Macho Man . . . I want Camacho . . . it's Camacho . . . get Camacho for me."

Few people heard Livingstone. He was swept away in a sea of Caribbean admirers, all wearing those berets of yellow, red, green, and gold. They created their own sunsplash in an otherwise gloomy afternoon as a four-day rain threatened California and Northern Nevada with serious flood waters.

But from Bramble's standpoint, it became "official" the minute he faced postfight inquisitors.

"I'm going to stay in training, but I'm going to take a month off," Bramble informed. "I'm going to the islands with my girl friend, and get this coconut head right. I'm gonna drink some coconut milk, too. Then I'm going to talk to Mr. (Bob) Arum and see what's up next . . . maybe a non-title 10-rounder. I'd love to fight Hector Camacho. He beat Jose Luis Ramirez (for the World Boxing Council title last August in Las Vegas). Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini had beaten Ramirez, and I beat Mancini twice, so I'm the true lightweight champion.

"I feel I fought a great fight here. I was very smart, but Tyrone was great, too. I'm in the best shape of my life because I ate right, slept right, and did all the right things a fighter should do. The press was killing me, but this was a very competitive fight. I'm not a pretty fighter, but I blocked a lot of Crawley's punches. It was my body shots which got Crawley in the end, but he's smart. You'll hear a lot of good things about Tyrone in the future."

· · Bramble and Camacho looms as one of the big money fights of the year, but fruition of such a unification showdown may be easier said than made. Don King still has a hook on the unpredictable 23-year-old speed merchant from New York's Spanish Harlem. When Camacho started

Bramble and his three-year-old son, Chinoy, celebrate shortly after dad successfully defended his WBA belt with a 13th round TKO over Tyrone Crawley.

making loud noises about breaking with King, Dandy Don quickly concocted his first title defense in March against top-rated Sergio Zambrano of Mexico City at the Riviera Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas.

Meanwhile, Top Rank's Bob Arum admitted he promoted the Bramble-Crawley fight "only because I won a purse bid offering.

"I have no options with Bramble, but I'd like to promote him if he wanted me to," said Rapid Robert. "I do have an option on Crawley. If he had won the title, we would have liked to have made a title defense with Cornelius Boza-Edwards (former WBC super featherweight champion). Right now, Boza has no guarantee to fight Bramble, but maybe we'll work something out."

To complete the triumvirate, somebody mentioned Jimmy Paul, the International Boxing Federation 135-pound ruler, even though the Detroiter was tentatively scheduled for a spring defense against Cubanito Perez of Los Angeles at an undetermined site.

"Jimmy Paul's a great fighter, but I'll fight anybody in the world because, when money talks, Bramble crawls," the happy champion said. "I go into the ring to create excitement. I know if I fight Camacho, I'm not going to back up, but I can't say the same for him. Camacho would never stand and fight me, so I'll just have to go get him.

"I'd really like Alexis Arguello too. I resented him being in Mancini's corner, trying to give instructions when I beat 'Boom Boom' here (February 16, 1985) the second time. I asked Arguello if he was a figher, or a second. But I know the Arguello fight is not gonna happen."

Bramble's defense against the 25-year-old Crawley was hyped as "The Grand Slam" and it was just that, with the champion, who now lives in Montclair, N.J., doing most of the slamming. Yet during the countdown to this scheduled 15-rounder, there were many experts and some Nevada sports book handicappers who liked Crawley's chances.

Perhaps Bramble's insinuation "that the press was killing me" stemmed from a Reno newspaper offering a prediction panel with Pat Petronelli, Angelo Dundee, and Jesse Reid—all trainers of current and former world champions. Here's the way these wizards of swat viewed it, all going with Crawley.

Petronelli: "Crawley's a beautiful boxer . . . one of the finest in the division, while Bramble likes a street fight, likes to brawl. I think Crawley's hand speed, lateral movement and crisp punching should outpoint Bramble."

Dundee: "I think Crawley has the perfect style to beat Bramble. Styles are everything. I think you'll see Crawley going southpaw a lot."

Reid: "I think Bramble hasn't been living right. Crawley is the better trained athlete. Bramble . . . I think he's not all together mentally anymore."

Reno sports books had the fight 6-5 pick 'em, but Herbie "Hoops" Lambeck, considered America's premier boxing linemaker, explained why Las Vegas didn't put up a line.

"We didn't put up a price down here because with all the postponements, the public is angered and the fight has lost its appeal," Lambeck said. "But Reno's 6-5 is the right price. I give Crawley a chance, but it's a tough fight to figure."

Lots of savvy ringmen liked Crawley's chances, noting that Bramble's only loss on a record that now reads 24-1-1 with fifteen kayoes came in his ninth pro start August 31, 1981 against Anthony Fletcher in Atlantic City. Fletcher's style is much like Crawley's.

Bramble conceded that three hours before the fight he was watching TV tapes of Melvin Paul scoring a close 12-round decision over Crawley February 18, 1983 for what was to be the Temple University criminal justice/major's only loss on a 19-1, six kayoes ledger coming up into the title challenge.

Crawley, who trained at the Ormsby House in nearby Carson City, viewed his mission realistically.

"This is the fourth time we've been scheduled to fight. I had a little harder time getting motivated this time," the affable challenger said. "But the excitement is going to hit me on the day of the fight. It's going to hit me like a slap in the face because it's a dream to be fighting for the world title. The opponent doesn't matter."

Two weeks before the fight, Bramble said he "would knock out Crawley in seven rounds," but changed his mind on the eve of the fight.

"Earlier I made a statement about a knockout, but now I'm preparing to go 15 rounds."

Both men were in superb condition, and it's worth noting that Crawley had been idle almost as long as the champion, making his last start June 5, 1985 when he won a 12-round decision over Charlie "Choo Choo" Brown to claim the United States Boxing Association 135-pound crown.

To his credit, Crawley was neither in awe nor gunshy against Bramble, who was last seen locally carving Mancini into permanent retirement a year ago to the day he made his second title defense.

The opening three minutes were exploratory on both sides. But before the round was over, Bramble and Crawley were both pitching southpaw. Early in the round, fighting righthanded, Bramble caught Crawley with five straight jabs and hooks to the body—the target that would ultimately insure victory.

Crawley came out in the second with lateral movement (right to left), but Bramble strung together two three-punch salvos to the torso. Suddenly, the champion dropped an overhand right on Crawley's jaw. It had a delayed effect, but the Philly challenger eventually skidded to the canvas, gloves first.

Crawley was unhurt, rising to referee Joey Curtis' count at eight. Bramble then went for the kill, firing a 15-punch volley of hooks and uppercuts that sent Crawley retreating to a neutral corner under "peek-a-boo" gloved protection. Tyrone blocked some of Livingstone's punches with his elbows, and gamely fought back with combinations of his own at the bell.

Trainer Bill Hayward, who worked Crawley's corner with cutman Ralph Citro, later reflected on the knockdown.

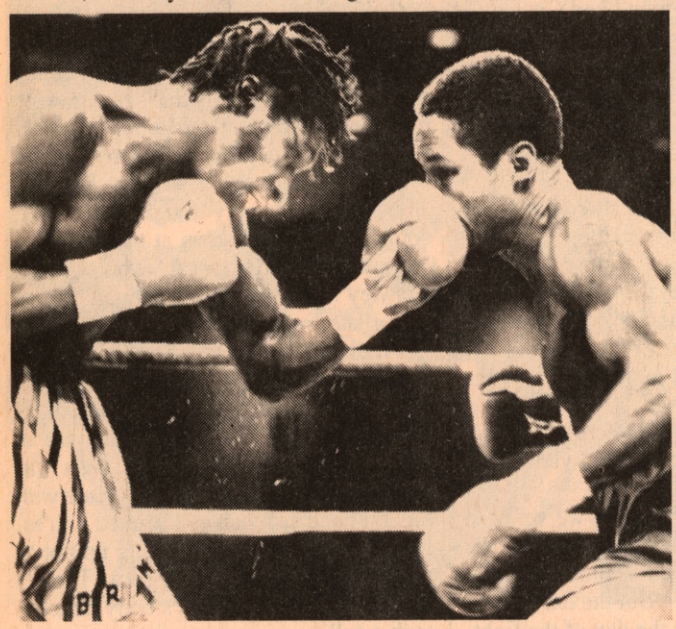
"It did Ty more good than bad because it made him go back to his game plan," Hayward opined. "I told him to keep boxing and to keep his pace. Both were in good shape . . . that's why the fight was so close. But Crawley didn't execute with the left hand as much as I wanted him to. It looked like Ty was covering up not to get hit rather than punching back. There's no question that Bramble's body punches took a toll.

"In the moments after the fight he was down a little, and that's why Tyrone skipped the press conference. We also wanted him checked out at the hospital, but there was nothing really wrong. I told him he had nothing to be ashamed of. Crawley fought the best (Bramble) in the world, but he just made a few mistakes."

Crawley scored well in the fourth with accuracy, not power, and drew a rise from the assembly when he tried Kid Gavilan's old bolo punch with a windmill of a right. Bramble blocked it. They call Bramble the "Pit Bull," and Crawley the "Butterfly" in what proved to be perfect sobriquets. Livingstone viciously put the bite on Tyrone's ribs, and the latter's flailing combinations were little more than the irritating work of an ambitious gnat.

The fighters had drawn Curtis' ire early for not breaking on command, and Bramble was finally penalized a point for hitting after the bell in the sixth round. That this ruling would be academic became obvious as early as the seventh round when Bramble's right uppercut snapped Crawley's head like it was on a swivel. In the eighth, ninth, and tenth rounds, Crawley tried to take the action to the champion, but Bramble kept backing him into corners and landing mean hooks to the belt line that curved behind Crawley's defense of elbows and head feints.

Though the fistic matinee, the first championship bout ever in a Reno hotel-casino, opened with the crowd showing partisanship for Crawley, the fickle finger had them chanting, "Bramble, Bramble," as the 12th round opened. Even hitting on the run, Crawley was still catching Bramble's missiles to the rib cage, and whenever possible he tried to clutch and hold, now sustained only by his tremendous courage.



WBA lightweight champion Livingstone Bramble pops challenger Tyrone Crawley with a left to the nose during match in Reno, Nevada.

Looking a tad discouraged, Crawley was on a sprint line early in the 13th, trying to trade combinations with a champion whose arsenal was superior. Late in the round, Bramble scored with a solid right to the head, and moved in with a left-right to the jaw. Lurching back against the ring post in his own corner, Crawley's eyes rolled upward. He simply could not fend off Bramble any longer. Punches came from all angles as Crawley, clearly hurt, pitched over on his left side with his head stuck through the middle rope strand before sliding to the canvas.

Though unsteady, Crawley righted himself as Curtis tolled "six," but the referee continued to count to "eight." It appeared the fight was over at this juncture, as it should have been, but Curtis, noting Crawley was coming out of the corner on his own power, let it continue. As Bramble went for the finish with a flurry, Curtis, seeing Crawley's glazed eyes, jumped between the two. Crawley went back down, tripping over the referee's legs as they collided at midring.

The official ending was 2:37 of the 13th round. Curtis later explained his position that "Crawley was a little reluctant to have me stop it. He gave me enough confidence he wanted to continue, giving me a couple of nods."

Curtis' indecision in halting the bout triggered criticism in some boxing precincts, but not as explosive as in December of 1982 when Mike Weaver lost his WBA heavyweight crown to Michael Dokes on a TKO when the Las Vegas referee stopped the action 63 seconds into the first round at Caesars Palace.

Bramble contended Curtis' hesitation "could have caused Crawley to be seriously hurt."

Duane Ford of the Nevada State Athletic Commission was more explicit: "I can't fault the referee. He did the right thing. I just wish Crawley hadn't come out of his corner. There was no second knockdown in the 13th. Curtis collided with Crawley . . . the referee wanted to see how Crawley was looking coming out."

Even more bizarre was the official scoring on the fight. Dave Moretti of Las Vegas had the most accurate tab at 117-110 for Bramble, while judge Hector Hernandez of Mexico voted 118-115, and Harmodio Cedeno of Panama went 116-114, both for the champion. However, Hernandez incredibly marked seven rounds even while Cedeno saw four rounds as a draw. Moretti only marked the sixth round even as did *The Ring*, whose final tally was 118-111, Bramble.

On the scoring, Arum barked: "That's insane . . . one judge having seven rounds even. That's impossible."

Ford added: "We'll take a hard look into this. It's ridiculous that we have two foreign judges with 11 even rounds. Nevada officials are trained to reach a decision. We want them to pull the trigger and score it for someone."

Bramble reminded that the official votes were purely academic.

"I knew if I didn't get him early, or by the 11th or 12th round, there was no way Crawley was going to make it to the 15th round for sure. When you stop a lot of punches like he did, it has to take a toll.

"I knew it would hurt me if I tried to take him out early. But I had a good corner headed by Lee Black. He's worked with champions like Ismael Laguana and Clyde Grey, among others. Lee just didn't want me to go right hand crazy. Crawley never hurt me, and he never frustrated me. With the jabs, we both played tic-tac-toe. I think I hurt my left hand (which caused the November delay when hurt in training) in the 10th or 11th round because I was punching with it open. But it's all right."

Bramble then went for the kill, firing a 15-punch volley of hooks and uppercuts that sent Crawley retreating to a neutral corner under "peek-a-boo" gloved protection.

Whatever anguish Arum felt by a live gate of $90,000, as reported by the state commission, he kept a pretty good stiff upper lip, adding "it's always a pleasure to do a fight in Reno, but this time the weather really killed us."

Official attendance posted in the press room was 3,610, but the NSAC spokesman told *The Ring* the total ticket order was 5,042 with a scale of $100, $500 and $25.

"Total admissions paid were 1,679 with 202 comps, 112 for MGM VIPs, and 40 ringside for media," the spokesman said. "The fight was blacked out in the Reno area, but it wasn't in Sacramento . . . that's just 100 miles away. NBC's

limited blackout and incredibly bad weather were real killers, plus the current economic crunch in Northern Nevada right now."

The red ink spilled out in large quantities when Top Rank reported Bramble's purse at $213,750, with Crawley earning $71,250. The commission withheld $25,000 from each fighter's purse pending the outcome of post-fight urinalysis, which ultimately proved negative.

The champion, who has been known to deal with imported witch doctors from the Caribbean, was unusually gracious after this classy victory, but gave the promotion a headache over the size of the ring.

"Bramble wanted the ring at 18 feet, out back from its original 19½ feet," explained Jay Edson, Top Rank fight coordinator. "When we said it couldn't be done, he threatened to pull out of the fight, contending 'when Mancini was champion, he got a 20-foot ring for our fight in Buffalo. Well, I'm the champion now and I want 18 feet.' We finally compromised at 18½ feet, but he gave us a helluva lot of trouble over nothing."

Bramble and Camacho looms as one of the big money fights of the year, but fruition of such a unification showdown may be easier said than made.

Photos by Robert Bumpers

Previously, Bramble enhanced his admitted "weirdness" by letting the media know he had a pet dog named "Snake" and a snake called "Dog" while training for the Mancini fights. And for good measure, there was a newly-acquired python thrown in.

But there was no foolishness this time. Not even the pending court suits with former manager Lou Duva could distract the champion.

"Usually, I don't train hard enough to knock anybody down, but this time I had peace of mind and was ready. I was 136 pounds three weeks before the fight. How about that?" Bramble smiled. "When I was here before our November fight was postponed, I'd run two miles around the MGM, and I was exhausted. This time I changed my location, and I'd do five-six miles easy. You know in our Rastaferian religion, we are vegetarians, eating from the ground up."

Though shunning meat as a staple, Livingstone Bramble doesn't mind punching it when it comes to business. Just ask Tyrone Crawley. □

The RING

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1. **Pinklon Thomas**** ..... Wyncotte, Pa.
2. **Larry Holmes** ..... Easton, Pa.
3. **Tim Witherspoon*** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Trevor Berbick** ..... Canada
5. **Tony Tubbs** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
6. **Mike Weaver** ..... Diamond Bar, Calif.
7. **Frank Bruno** ..... England
8. **James (Buster) Douglas** ..... Columbus, Ohio
9. **Carl Williams** ..... New York, N.Y.
10. **David Bey** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Greg Page 12. James Broad 13. Gerrie Coetzee 14. Tony Tucker 15. Michael Dokes 16. Eddie Gregg 17. Marvis Frazier 18. James Smith 19. Mitchell Green 20. Mike Tyson.

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 195 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BERNARD BENTON** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. **Dwight Muhammad Qawi*** ..... Camden, N.J.
2. **Alfonzo Ratliff** ..... Chicago, Ill.
3. **Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
5. **Lee Roy Murphy☆** ..... Chicago, Ill.
6. **Evander Holyfield** ..... Atlanta, Ga.
7. **John Odhiambo** ..... Uganda
8. **Osvaldo Ocasio** ..... Puerto Rico
9. **Bashiru Ali** ..... Oakland, Calif.
10. **Ricky Parkey** ..... Morristown, Tenn.

11. Henry Hearns 12. Anthony Davis 13. Stanley Ross 14. Boone Pultz 15. Dorcy Gaymon 16. Chisanda Mutti 17. Henry Tillman 18. Henry Milligan 19. Michael Greer 20. Pierre Coetzer.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Marvin Johnson*** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
2. **J.B. Williamson**** ..... Inglewood, Calif.
3. **Slobodan Kacar☆** ..... Yugoslavia
4. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
5. **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
6. **Prince Mama Mohammed** ..... Ghana
7. **Jean-Marie Emebe** ..... Cameroon
8. **Bobby Czyz** ..... Wanaque, N.J.
9. **Jim MacDonald** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
10. **Leslie Stewart** ..... Trinidad

11. Dennis Andries 12. Grover Robinson 13. Alex Blanchard 14. Poncho Carter 15. Kelvin Kelly 16. Freddie Guzman 17. Clarence Osby 18. Marvin Mack 19. Jeff Lampkin 20. Tim Broady.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER* **☆ ..... Brockton, Mass.
1. **Thomas Hearns** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
3. **Robbie Sims** ..... Brockton, Mass.
4. **Herol Graham** ..... England
5. **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
6. **Don Lee** ..... Gary, Ind.
7. **James Shuler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8. **Doug DeWitt** ..... Yonkers, New York
9. **Tony Sibson** ..... England
10. **Lindell Holmes** ..... Detroit, Mich.

11. Chong-Pal Park 12. Michael Olajide 13. Michael Nunn 14. Charlie Boston 15. John Collins 16. Curtis Parker 17. Iran Barkley 18. Kevin Watts 19. Alex Ramos 20. Dwight Davison.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 154 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **Mike McCallum*** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Carlos Santos** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
5. **Buster Drayton** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6. **Matthew Hilton** ..... Canada
7. **Julian Jackson** ..... Virgin Islands
8. **Donald Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
9. **Mark Medal** ..... Jersey City, N.J.
10. **David Braxton** ..... Detroit, Mich.

11. Darnell Knox 12. Wilfred Benitez 13. Francisco DeJesus 14. Robert Hines 15. Sean Mannion 16. In-Chul Baek 17. Duane Thomas 18. Troy Darrell 19. James Green 20. Earl Hargrove.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

DONALD CURRY* **☆ ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
1. **Milton McCrory** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
3. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
4. **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
5. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
6. **Lloyd Honeyghan** ..... England
7. **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.
8. **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
9. **Horace Shufford** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
10. **Manning Galloway** ..... Columbus, Ohio

11. Sylvester Mittee 12. Mark Breland 13. Vincent Pettway 14. John Mundua 15. Jerome Kinney 16. John Montes 17. Carlos Trujillo 18. Jorge Vaca 19. Troy Wortham 20. Juan Alonso Villa.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Lonnie Smith**** ..... Denver, Colo.
2. **Ubaldo Sacco*** ..... Argentina
3. **Ronnie Shields** ..... Port Arthur, Texas
4. **Alexis Arguello** ..... Miami, Fla.
5. **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy
6. **Aaron Pryor** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
7. **Gene Hatcher** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
8. **Rene Arredondo** ..... Mexico
9. **Terry Marsh** ..... England
10. **Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez** ..... Mexico

11. Joe Louis Manley 12. Saoul Mamby 13. Gary Hinton 14. Reyes Cruz 15. Harold Brazier 16. James (Buddy) McGirt 17. Arthur Mayisela 18. Frankie Warren 19. John Meekins 20. Ricky Young.

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Ratings as of March 10, 1986

* WBA CHAMPION
** WBC CHAMPION
☆ IBF CHAMPION

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Livingstone Bramble*** ..... Passaic, N.J.
2. **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Jimmy Paul☆** ..... Detroit, Mich.
4. **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
5. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
6. **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7. **Darryl Tyson** ..... Washington, D.C.
8. **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... Uganda
9. **Terrence Alli** ..... New York, N.Y.
10. **Sammy Fuentes** ..... Puerto Rico

11. Meldrick Taylor 12. Pernell Whitaker 13. Roger Mayweather 14. Edwin Curet 15. Howard Davis, Jr. 16. Bobby Chacon 17. Greg Haugen 18. Harry Arroyo 19. Robin Blake 20. Vinnie Pazienza.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 130 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ* ..... Puerto Rico
1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**** ..... Mexico
2. **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
3. **Alfredo Layne** ..... Panama
4. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
5. **Rafael Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
6. **Kenny Baysmore** ..... Washington, D.C.
7. **Johnny de la Rosa** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. **Francisco Tomas Cruz** ..... Brazil
9. **Barry Michael☆** ..... Australia
10. **Dwight Pratchett** ..... Gary, Ind.

11. Pat Cowdell 12. Jean Marc Renard 13. John Sichula 14. Raphe Sims 15. Julio Llerena 16. Tae-Jin Moon 17. Edgar Castro 18. Mark Fernandez 19. Ruben Castillo 20. John Doherty.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BARRY McGUIGAN* ..... Ireland
1. **Azumah Nelson**** ..... Ghana
2. **Eusebio Pedroza** ..... Panama
3. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
4. **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Ki-Yung Chung☆** ..... Korea
6. **Calvin Grove** ..... Pottstown, Pa.
7. **Juan LaPorte** ..... Puerto Rico
8. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
9. **Min-Keun Oh** ..... Korea
10. **Refugio Rojas** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Jose Marmolejos 12. Richard Savage 13. Steve Cruz 14. Tyrone Jackson 15. Antonio Rivera 16. Joe Ruelas 17. Billy White 18. Adrian Arreola 19. Lupe Suarez 20. Sergio Zambrano.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 122 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Victor Callejas*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Samart Payakaroon**** ..... Thailand
3. **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4. **Loris Stecca** ..... Italy
5. **Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Jorge Ramirez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8. **James Pipps** ..... Vidor, Texas
9. **Harold Petty** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
10. **George Garcia** ..... Westminster, Calif.

11. Mike Ayala 12. Oscar Muniz 13. Seung-Hoon Lee 14. Daniel Blanco 15. Tommy Valoy 16. Ramon Dominguez 17. Bernardo Pinango 18. Yun-Kap Choi 19. Leonardo Cruz 20. Jesus Flores.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

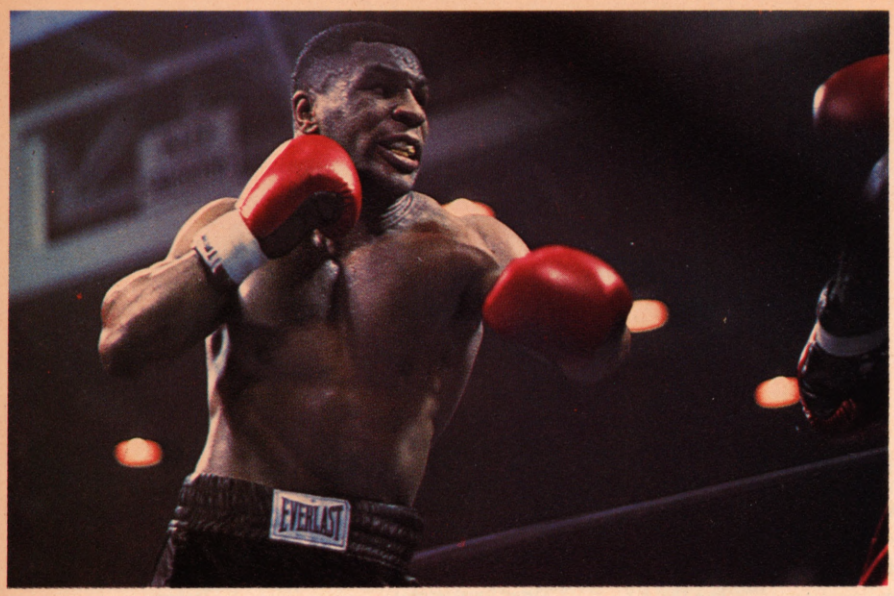
GABY CANIZALES* ..... Laredo, Texas
1. **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
2. **Miguel Lora**** ..... Colombia
3. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
4. **Richard Sandoval** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
6. **Daniel Zaragoza** ..... Mexico
7. **Albert Davila** ..... Mexico
8. **Jeff Fenech☆** ..... Australia
9. **Kelvin Seabrooks** ..... Charlotte, N.C.
10. **Edgar Monserrat** ..... Panama

11. Freddie Jackson 12. Cesar Polanco 13. Rafael Orono 14. Jerome Coffee 15. Elly Pical 16. Hurley Snead 17. James Pipps 18. Frankie Duarte 19. Santos Laciar 20. Sugar Baby Rojas.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA** ..... Thailand
1. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
2. **Hilario Zapata*** ..... Panama
3. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
4. **Myung-Woo Yuh** ..... Korea
5. **Joey Olivo** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Dodie Penalosa** ..... Philippines
7. **Jose DeJesus** ..... Puerto Rico
8. **Paul Gonzales** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9. **Isidro Perez** ..... Mexico
10. **Agustin Garcia** ..... Colombia

11. Jorge Cano 12. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez 13. Virgilio Chifundo 14. Javier Lucas 15. Hermogenes Murillo 16. Reinaldo Becerra 17. Hi-Sup Shin 18. German Torres 19. Antonio Avelar 20. Juan Herrera.



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THE BATTLE OF TROY

Photos by William Hart

Ring Editor Nigel Collins Takes You On A Trip To Tyson Country

THE SCENE

TROY, N.Y.—THE "SOLD OUT" SIGN went up at the RCI Fieldhouse almost two hours before the first preliminary, but that's to be expected. This is Mike Tyson country.

Although Mike broadens his base of appeal with each succeeding knockout, he's practically king in New York's mountainous "upstate" region. This is where it all began, just half an hour's drive from Mike's home in Catskill. The folks around these parts have been hip to Tyson since his amateur days, filling increasingly larger venues to cheer him on ever since he iced Hector Mercedes for his first pro victory on May 23rd, 1985.

Now the big show had finally come to town. Mike was making his first appearance on network TV, and his followers turned out in record-breaking numbers. The ABC cameras had somewhere in the neighborhood of 7,600 screaming Tyson fanatics providing a backdrop Nero would have envied.

Among the faithful were a group with what had to be the most professional looking flashcard section in the history of boxing. Did you ever see those signs with a big "K" on them that baseball fans sitting

along the rail flip over when some flamethrower like Dwight Gooden or Nolan Ryan is doing his thing? Well, a row of ringsiders had similar cards signifying Mike's first 17 knockouts, and one all ready to go the second Jesse Ferguson became number 18. It was pretty slick stuff for a boxing crowd.

Home television was blacked out in the Troy-Albany area, but one local tap room proprietor, ignoring a possible law suit by ABC, used a satellite dish to beat the blackout. Needless to say, his establishment did overflow business.

The entire area seems smitten with Tyson. The official program carried good luck messages from practically every business in Catskill. Arbee's Market proclaimed they were "Going All The Way" with Mike. And while all the girls at the A-Cut-Above unisex hair salon didn't exactly go that far, they did place an encouraging ad saying: "C'MON, MIKE!!" Even the Catskill *Daily Mail* put aside normal journalistic impartiality and implored Mike to "Do It Again."

Of course, Tyson's 10-rounder against Ferguson was not the only major heavyweight fare on the bill. HBA East teamed up with local Tri-City Promotions to present one of the best heavyweight doubleheaders in recent memory. Also scheduled for 10 rounds or less—with, as we all know now, emphasis on the less—were former WBA heavyweight champion Mike Weaver and Carl (The Truth) Williams. But make no mistake about it, the cash customers, who shelled out just under $200,000, were there to see Tyson. Weaver-Williams was just icing on the cake.

With the crowd roaring him on, Tyson stepped up the pace of his attack as he threw caution to the wind in an all-out attempt to apply the finisher.

The afternoon's entertainment got underway with an appearance by middleweight Frank Tate, the Olympic gold medalist from Houston. Tate, one of the stars of the HBA stable, was pitted against an unknown Philadelphia club fighter named Jerry Williams. Like most Philly club fighters, Williams was tough and determined. He quickly proved that all gold doesn't necessarily glitter. After 10 close rounds, the crowd cheered the underdog and booed the unanimous decision for Tate.

Their appetites whet by the Tate-Williams *hors d'oeuvre*, the festive gathering was more than ready for the main course. As is often the case when a hometown hero is involved, opponent Ferguson slipped into the ring almost unnoticed. Actually, slipped is the optimum word here. As Jesse ducked through the ropes, he lost his balance and almost tumbled into the press section. Perhaps it was an omen of spills to come?

Pratfalls aside, Ferguson certainly presented Tyson with his sternest test to date. Another product of the rugged Philadelphia-Atlantic City circuit, Ferguson holds credible wins over Reggie Gross (upset winner over previously unbeaten Jimmy Clark and Bert Cooper), Tony Anthony (the dude who was disqualified for cold-cocking Weaver from behind), and James "Buster" Douglas (conqueror of Tex Cobb and Greg Page). In his only other loss coming in (14-1, 10 kayoes, overall), Jesse had been stopped by Williams. But not before he had put "The Truth" on his rump a couple of times.

Tyson entered the arena with his usual lack of pretension; *sans* robe or socks. ("I just feel comfortable that way. That's my thing. It makes me feel like a warrior."). Instead of acknowledging his ear-rupturing reception with the traditional raised-fist gesture, Mike merely lifted his outstretched arms to shoulder level in what amounted to a what-you-gonna-do shrug.

By the time ring announcer Ed Derian introduced Tyson, the noise level had reached a point where only lip-readers could possibly understand what he was saying. It didn't matter. Mike Tyson is one fighter who doesn't need an introduction in Troy.

THE FIGHT

THE PATTERN OF THE FIGHT WAS SOON established. Tyson, 217, quickly bulled Ferguson, 211¾, into the ropes where he proceeded to belabor Jesse's ribs and kidneys with brutal hooks from both sides.

From the onset, Ferguson wore a look of desperation. And who could blame him? There he was, trapped in a 20-foot ring with a guy one opponent described as fighting "like you'd said something nasty about his mother." But at this particular time, Jesse wasn't saying anything. He was too busy defending himself.

This is not to suggest that Ferguson didn't try to fight. He did, returning the fire at every opportunity. The problem was that Tyson was forcing an inside battle and Ferguson just didn't have enough room to get much leverage behind his punches. On the other hand, Tyson's compact physique was perfectly suited to the kind of trench warfare they engaged in for most of the first three rounds.

Ever since Tyson first began attracting attention with his string of quick knockouts, observers have wondered if he could take a punch. If nothing else, Ferguson provided them with an answer. Although the Philadelphian's punch-rate came nowhere close to Tyson's, he landed enough leather to convince all but the most cynical railbirds that Mike does indeed have a chin worthy of his calling.

The proof came in the fourth (the only round Ferguson won on *The Ring*'s scorecard) when Jesse nailed Tyson coming in with a flush right to the jaw. Tyson absorbed the blow without flinching, and following a brief clinch, resumed his attack.

Ferguson also tested Tyson's belly, sinking home a number of quality body punches of his own.

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"I was feeling his body shots," admitted Tyson. "But you know this business, you can't let that affect you."

It didn't.

In the fifth, Tyson finally found the punch he was looking for.

"At the end of the fourth round, I saw an opening, and I knew I was going to hit him with the uppercut and finish him," revealed Tyson.

Late in the fifth, Tyson maneuvered Ferguson into the ropes in much the same manner as he had done repeatedly throughout the bout. First, he banged a left hook to the body, quickly followed by a double right uppercut. The first right was another body blow, but the second smashed into Ferguson's nose and sent him crumpling to the canvas in apparent agony.

Some jerk in the audience thought it was over and threw a hat into the ring. But Ferguson, blood streaming from his nostrils, bravely tottered to his feet at six. Referee Luis Rivera completed the manditory eight count and signaled the fighters to box on.

With the crowd roaring him on, Tyson stepped up the pace of his attack as he threw caution to the wind in an all-out attempt to apply the finisher. Several times Rivera looked like he might stop it, but when the bell rang, Ferguson was still on his feet.

The end, 1:19 into the sixth, was somewhat of an anti-climax. Ferguson was completely spent and resorted to the only tactic left to him—holding on for dear life. Tyson did his best to shake off his weary adversary, but Jesse's instinct for survival was strong. Every time Mike got within range, Ferguson grabbed both of his arms and pinned them to his sides.

After several warnings, an exasperated Rivera stopped the fight while Ferguson and Tyson were still locked in a clinch. He hastily declared Mike a TKO winner, although a strict interpretation of the rules probably called for a disqualification. But nobody, with the possible exception of Ferguson, wanted to spoil the fun—or Tyson's knockout streak.

Jesse Ferguson (left) and Mike Tyson prepare to trade blows during the early going of their scheduled 10-rounder. Ferguson tested Tyson's chin, but just couldn't stand up under the relentless pounding Mike dished out. Referee Luis Rivera finally stopped the fight in the sixth round and awarded Tyson a TKO victory.

WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

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THE PRESS CONFERENCE

IF YOU THINK FERGUSON HAD A rough afternoon, you should have been among the members of the media who were shoehorned into a closet-sized area for the post-fight press conference. First we had to claw our way through thousands of celebrating Tyson fans, then navigate a narrow staircase before squeezing into a hall-like room where the temperature, heated by packed humanity and television lights, hovered in the 100-degree Fahrenheit range.

And you thought being a boxing journalist was all fun and free food.

As is usually the case, the post-mortem produced few revelations. Tyson, living up to his tough guy image, revealed, on at least three separate occasions, that he wanted to "catch him (Ferguson) right on the tip of the nose because I try to push the bone into the brain."

Ferguson, still dabbing at his tender proboscis with an icebag, was fittingly complimentary to the man who had just tried to rearrange his frontal lobe.

"He's a comer, and that's no joke," said Jesse. "He gets down low and comes right at you. The only shot that really hurt me was when I went down, and that was the uppercut to the nose."

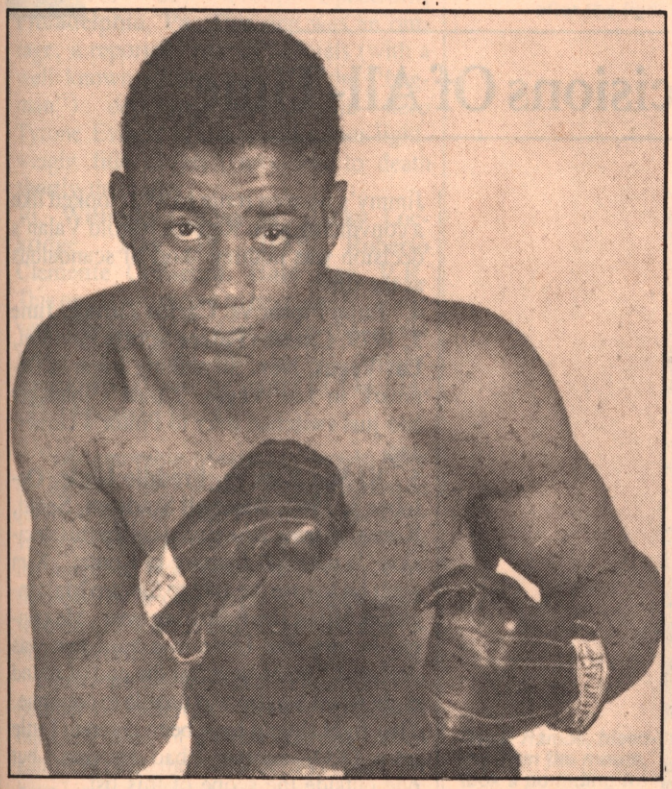
As the question-and-answer period dragged on, this reporter packed up his tape recorder and prepared to scurry back to ringside for the Weaver-Williams bout. But before I left the interview area I was struck by the one incongruous aspect of Tyson's otherwise fearsome persona—the guy's voice sounds like Mickey Mouse's. But I figured I'd better not say anything. He might knock my nose bone up into my brain.

THE AFTERMATH

ONE OF THE MORE INTERESTED OBservers of the afternoon's festivities was HBO's Ross Greenburg, who journeyed to Troy in an effort to lure Tyson into the cable network's heavyweight unification series. He was not successful. The truth of the matter is that HBO needs Tyson far more than he needs them. Just as Joe Frazier skipped the WBA tournament to find a successor to an exiled Muhammad Ali in 1967, Tyson will stick to his own schedule and be more than ready to fight HBO's eventual winner. It worked for Frazier when he beat Jimmy Ellis (the WBA's eventual winner) in 1970, and the guess here is that it will probably work again for Tyson sometime in '87. □

ASK THE ANSWERMAN

by Herbert G. Goldman



Floyd Patterson holds the dubious distinction of being knocked down more times than any other heavyweight champion.

Q: Where did the word "Kid" come from, as in "Kid" Chocolate, "Kid" Gavilan, etc.?

MEL RAPPAPORT
Douglaston, N.Y.

A: *The word, which is derived from the German kind, meaning "child" (as in kindergarten), was originally applied to many boxers due to their extreme youth.*

Q: Which heavyweight champion suffered the most/least knockdowns during his career?

CHARLES ADAMS, JR.
San Bernardino, Calif.

A: *Floyd Patterson was downed the most times, Gene Tunney the least. Gene was decked only once—by Jack Dempsey in the seventh round of their return bout at Soldiers Field in Chicago on September 22, 1927. That was the celebrated "long count."*

Q: Did Jack Johnson ever fight again after having lost his title to Jess Willard?

RICK WEST
Las Vegas, Nev.

A: *Johnson had many bouts after losing to Willard in Havana in 1915—before, during, and after his 1920-21 prison term in Leavenworth. Jack's last fights were in 1928, when he was 50!*

Q: Can you tell me anything concerning Benny Valger, the "French Flash," who fought as a featherweight and lightweight about 60 years ago?

JORDAN ROTH
Arroyo Grande, Calif.

A: *Valger was one of the best scrappers in the lightweight division in the early 1920s, defeating the likes of George (K.O.) Chaney, Matt Brock, Jack Bernstein, Freddie Jacks, and Bud Christian, among others.*

Q: Where can I write to Jeff Fenech, Lester Ellis, Hector Camacho, and Ray Mancini?

ALVARD JIMENEZ SANCHEZ
Madrid, Spain

A: *Write to Fenech and Ellis c/o The Square Ring, 201-211 Botany Road, Waterloo, New South Wales 2017, Australia. Write to Camacho and Mancini c/o Top Rank, Inc., 919 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022.*

Q: Have you ever heard of Mike Schreck, a heavyweight who fought in the early years of this century?

MARK WILLIAMS
Hereford, England

A: *Indeed I have. Schreck twice kayoed Marvin Hart and also beat the likes of George Gardner, Tony Ross, Hugo Kelly, and Tommy Burns. He was born in Cincinnati on August 29, 1880 and started boxing in 1900.*

Q: Who holds the all-time record for most kayoes by a southpaw?

AL FOXX
Price, Utah

A: *George (K.O.) Chaney, who scored 86 according to some records and 102 according to others. Chaney, a featherweight and lightweight out of Baltimore, fought from 1910 to 1925.*

Q: Did Tommy (Spider) Kelly ever hold the world bantamweight title?

MICHAEL CARNEY
Boston, Mass.

A: *Yes. The Spider held the crown at various intervals during 1887 to 1892, when he lost it to England's Billy Plimmer on a 10th round knockout in Coney Island.*

Q: Where was Emile Griffith born?

THOMAS BURNSEY
San Francisco, Calif.

A: *St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.*

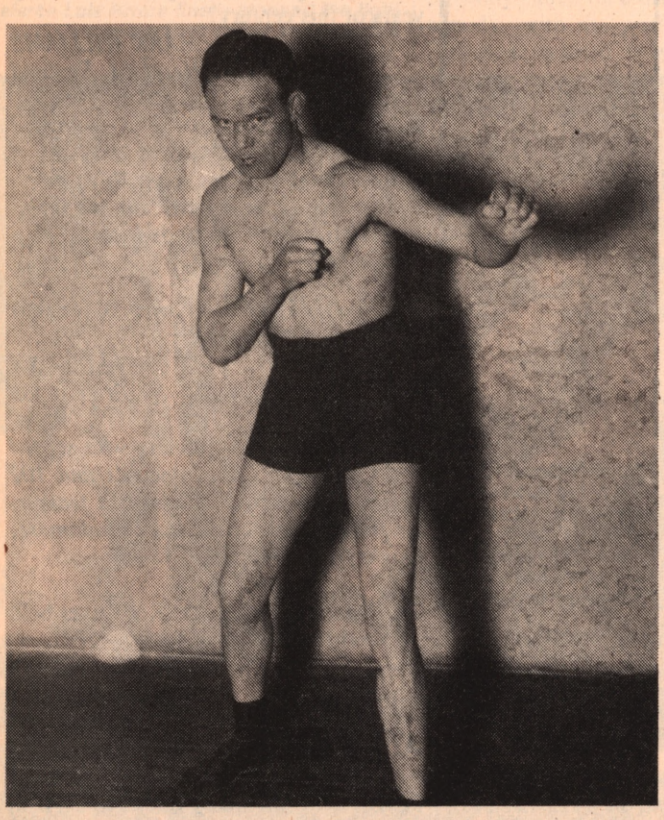
Q: Did Gene Tunney ever hold the world light heavyweight title?

ROBERT MILLS
Syracuse, New York

A: *No. Tunney held the American light heavyweight title from January 13, 1922 to May 23 of the same year and from February 23, 1923 into 1924. Georges Carpentier, Battling Siki, and Mike McTigue were the world champions at those times.*

SOLID GOLD MAN

The Ten Worst Decisions Of All-Time



According to "Solid Goldman," Mike McTigue was the lucky recipient of the worst decision in boxing history. And that's saying a lot.

THE "TEN WORST" AND "TEN BEST," in various fields and various categories ranging from the "ten best dressed list" to the "ten worst lefthanded champions in jacks," have all but choked the pages of newspapers and magazines in the past decade. "Bum decisions," the subject of many a discussion in the nation's barrooms, is this month's subject in "Solid Goldman."

Here are my selections—the ten "worst decisions" of all-time: The official winner's name is listed first.

1. **Mike McTigue vs. Tiger Flowers, December 23, 1925, Madison Square Garden, New York, N.Y.** This one, the result of amateur judges being used as part of a p.r. tie-in, was so bad that Flowers, and not McTigue, got the title shot at Harry Greb that had been promised to the winner. The worst of all the worst decisions, and one frequently discussed by the old-timers.

2. **Jack McAuliffe vs. Young Griffo, August 27, 1894, Seaside Athletic Club, Coney Island, Brooklyn, N.Y.** McAuliffe, the famed "Napoleon of The Ring," was at the tail end of his career, and referee Maxie Moore's decision was an obvious gift, enabling the popular McAuliffe to retire undefeated. For years thereafter, a bad verdict was described by fight reporters as a "Maxie Moore."

3. **Jimmy Ellis vs. Floyd Patterson, September 14, 1968, Soccer Stadium, Stockholm, Sweden.** This fight was seen, live, over telstar, and Floyd broke Jimmy's nose en route to what looked like a convincing win. Referee Harold Valan's decision was nothing short of scandalous at the time.

4. **Lupe Pintor vs. Carlos Zarate, June 3, 1979, Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion, Las Vegas, Nev.** Something stunk in Denmark in Las Vegas. Zarate's manager had just switched over to Pintor's corner, and . . .

5. **Ki-Soo Kim vs. Freddie Little, October 3, 1967, Baseball Stadium, Seoul, Korea.** *Boxing Illustrated* called this decision "a national disgrace to Korea." Kim went on to lose the title to Sandro Mazzinghi in Milan the following year. Mazzinghi in turn met Little in a bout that was declared "no contest" at the end of round eight when Sandro was unable to continue. That fight should have been given to Little on a TKO—another "bad decision" but one outside the scope of this list.

6. **Sugar Ramos vs. Floyd Robinson, May 9, 1964, Sports Stadium, Accra, Ghana.** There was almost an international incident over this one. Two knockdowns and a beating did not convince two out of three judges that Robertson, a native son of Ghana, had dethroned Ramos. The Ghana Boxing Commission declared Robertson the new champion, but the rest of the boxing world failed to concur, and Vicente Saldivar eventually kayoed both Sugar and Floyd.

7. **Kid Gavilan vs. Billy Graham, August 29, 1951, Madison Square Garden, New York, N.Y.** A split decision—and probably the most famous "bad duke" of all-time. News of a supposed death bed confession by one of the judges has led many to press for official recognition of Graham as world welterweight champion from August 29, 1951 to October 5, 1952, when Gavilan won a unanimous decision over Graham in a return bout held in Havana.

8. **Mickey Walker vs. Tiger Flowers, December 3, 1926, Coliseum, Chicago,**

Ill. Referee Benny Yanger was the sole voting official. Nat Fleischer, founder of *The Ring*, said the only worse decision he had ever witnessed was the one that Mike McTigue was given over Flowers a year earlier.

9. **Alfredo Escalera vs. Tyrone Everett, November 30, 1976, Spectrum; Philadelphia, Pa.** This one was an outrage, a reported bribe of officials (with a well known referee acting as the "bagman") depriving Philadelphia hero Tyrone Everett of the world junior lightweight title. Everett was shot to death shortly thereafter.

10. **Wilfredo Gomez vs. Rocky Lockridge, May 19, 1985, Roberto Clemente Coliseum, Hato Rey, P.R.** This one is too recent to bear words. Three very intimidated judges gave the world junior lightweight title to the popular hometown favorite by scores of 144-144, 145-144, and 146-142.

"Dishonorable Mentions" would have to include the Willie Pastrano-Harold Johnson fight of June 1, 1963 at the Convention Center in Las Vegas. Rumors that the judges of that contest were unduly influenced by a controversial organization with ties to several Las Vegas casinos remain unverified.

Draws are not included in this list. The number of ludicrous "draw" verdicts in the early days of gloved contests, when gamblers ruled the roost, defies count. Nor have I included "controversial outcomes" involving fights that failed to go the distance. The Dixie Kid-Joe Walcott world welterweight title bout of April 29, 1904 at Woodward's Pavilion in San Francisco comes to mind. James (Duck) Sullivan, the referee, inexplicably disqualified Walcott for "low punching" after Joe delivered a series of blows to the body in the final round. (Walcott's manager, Tom O'Rourke, knocked several of Sullivan's teeth out moments later.) The reason for the ref's strange action was a bet he had placed on the Dixie Kid!)

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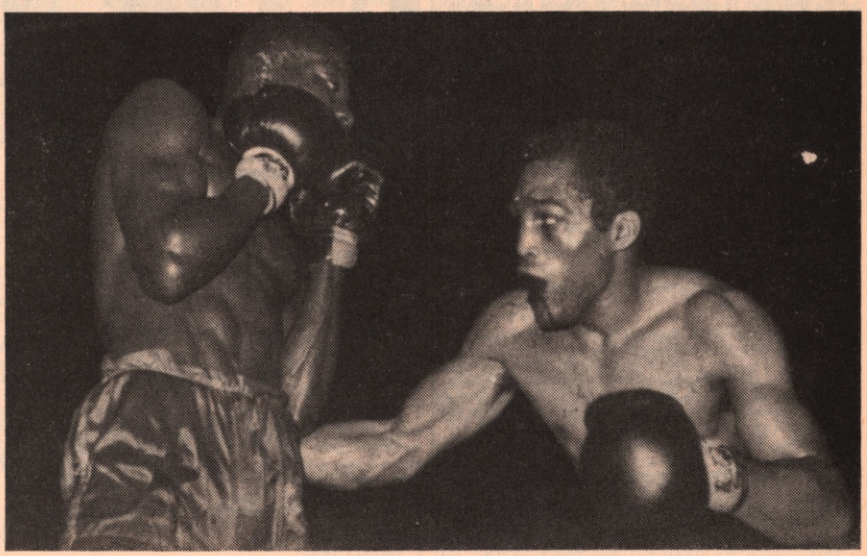
Alfredo Escalera (center) celebrated his 24th birthday while training for his WBC junior lightweight title defense against Tyrone Everett. But Escalera's real "gift" was the controversial split decision he received after the fight.



Sugar Ramos, bleeding from the mouth, took a pounding from Floyd Robinson in their 1964 battle for the featherweight title, but the decision still went to Ramos in another of "Solid" Goldman's" all-time worst decisions.

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

Edited By Herbert G. Goldman

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▶**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Unbeaten Michael Nunn, 161, North Hollywood, unanimously outpointed Billy Robertson, 160, Inglewood, 10, not losing a round. Nunn (11-0) toyed with the hopelessly outclassed Robertson. Billy (9-7) was once considered a prospect, but he ha snow lost six in a row. Terry Smith, referee.

Oscar Muniz, 123, Pico Rivera, and undefeated Tony Montoya, 121, Salt Lake City, fought to a very disappointing technical draw. The bout was stopped at 1:25 of the second in a scheduled 10 after Muniz was cut near the left eye by an unintentional head butt. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

Fans who stayed showered the ring with coins after an exciting walk-out 10 between unbeaten Baja California favorite Raul (Jibaro) Perez, 119½, Tijuana, and Dominican transplant Lucilo Nolasco, 119½, Bell. Busy trier Nolasco raced to an early lead, but the unbeaten 18-year-old Perez rallied from the eighth to earn a majority points decision. A draw would have been fair. Scoring: referee John Thomas, 97-95, Nolasco; judge Rozadilla, 97-94, Perez; judge Smith, 97-95, Perez.

Terry Claybon, 131, Los Angeles, impressively scored a lopsided unanimous verdict over Ruben Proa, 129, National City, six. Proa won only the final round. Terry Smith, referee.

Knockdowns in the second and fourth rounds gave Lonnie Bryant, 118½, San Diego, a majority win over Manny Olives, also 118½, Canoga Park, five. Olivas won every other round. Scoring: referee Thomas, 47-47; judge Smith, 48-47; judge Rozadilla, 47-46.

Edwin Williams, 138½, Inglewood, TKO'd Gerardo Nava, 137½, Anaheim, when Nava was cut by the left eye in 0:49 of the fourth and final round. Debuting Nava did well until he was floored by a left in the third. Rozadilla, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Jerry Buss, promoter.
(12-10-85)

▶**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Manning Galloway, 147, Columbus, Ohio, won The Forum Welterweight Championship with a unanimous 12-round decision over Dio Colome, 147, Hawthorne. Galloway (38-8-1) easily outboxed the slower Colome (19-3), who missed with most of his punches. The scores of referee Pat Connolly (116-114); and judges Gwen Farrell (115-113) and Lou Filippo (117-111) were surprisingly close.

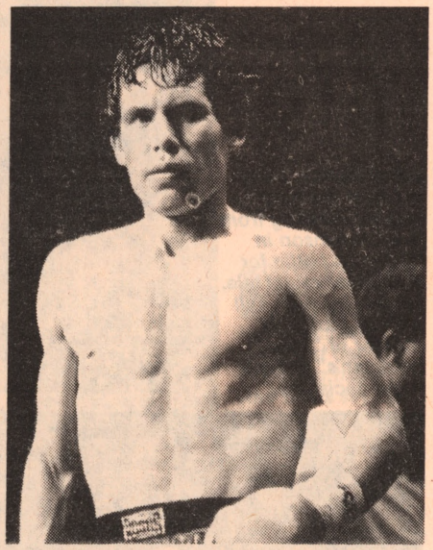
Hard hitting Lindell Holmes, 160, Detroit, advanced in The Forum's Middleweight Tournament by stopping previously unbeaten Jack Padia, 158, Penngrove, in the sixth of a scheduled 10. Padia (19-1) was down in the second from a left hook, and was cut in the third. He courageously battled back to trail Holmes (27-4) by just one point on two cards and lead by a point on a third. Ringside physician Dr. Bernhart Schwartz stopped at the end of the round with blood pouring from the right eye of Padia. Filippo, referee.

In another Middleweight Tournament bout halted prematurely by an eye injury, Brian Muller, 160, Las Vegas, TKO'd Frank Minton, also 160, Indianapolis, at the end of the fourth round in a very dull scheduled 10.

Kevin Payne, 149, Carson, knocked out Emilio Barrera, 148½, Commerce, with a left hook in 1:17 of the second round in a scheduled six. Barrera was counted out by referee Filippo.

Daniel Garcia, 124, Los Angeles, kayoed Louis Vargas, 122, Los Angeles, in 1:24 of the second in their scheduled six. Referee Connolly stopped the fight shortly after Vargas was floored by a right.

Tyrone Jones, 149, Los Angeles, and Rod Starks, 150½, Cypress, drew, four, all three officials scoring 38-38.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, ring announcer.
Jerry Buss, promoter.
(12-17-85)



WBC super featherweight boss Julio Cesar Chavez had to settle for a fifth-round "technical decision" over Jeff Bumphus in their non-title match in Los Angeles.

▶**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—WBC super featherweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez, 135½, Culican, Mexico, won a technical decision over Jeff Bumpus, also 135½, Elkhart, Indiana, in 1:19 of the fifth round in a scheduled non-title 10. Chavez (47-0) was ahead (40-37, 40-36, 40-36) on all three scorecards when he was cut on the left eyelid by a head butt. The very tough southpaw Bumpus (20-4) was never in any trouble and scored solidly with lefts in every round. Dr. James Jen-Kin, referee.

Oscar Bejines, 132, Guadalajara, was a lopsided unanimous points winner over Mario Miranda, also 132, Barranquila, Colombia, 10. Miranda, now fighting out of Miami, ran and threw very few punches. Bejines floored Miranda in the final minute of the 10th. Scoring: referee Lou Moret, 99-90; judge Gwen Farrell, 100-90; judge Chuck Hassett, 97-93.

Hector Lopez, 128, Glendale, floored Felipe Olivar, 128½, Tijuana, twice for a knockout in 1:04 of the second in a scheduled eight. Robert Byrd, referee.

Angel Hernandez, 129, Guadalajara, won a unanimous decision over 100 fight veteran Juan Antonio Lopez, 130, Culiacan, in an action packed 10 which drew a standing ovation and a shower of coins. Hernandez threw hundreds of punches in every round. Scoring: referee Hassett, 96-93; judge Jen-Kin, 95-95; judge Farrell, 99-90.

Carlos Manzano, 120, San Pedro, won a unanimous decision over very brave Genaro Espitia, 120, North Hollywood, in a six which drew an even larger shower than Hernandez-Lopez. Espitia takes a lot of punishment, but is all heart. Scoring: referee Moret, 59-55; judge Farrell, 58-56; judge Jen-Kin, 59-55.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Michael DeLuca, ringside physicians.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Don Chargin, promoter.
(12-19-85)

▶**BIG BEAR—Civic Arena**—Ruben Proa, 135, San Diego, unanimously outpointed Tony Guido, 132, Los Angeles, in a hard fought eight. Marty Dankin, referee.

Stewart Baynes, 139½, Pasadena, stopped comebacking Perry McLemore, 142, San Diego, on a cut at the end of the fourth.

Debuting Duane Rosetta, 178, San Diego, knocked out Alvin Arnold, 174, Los Angeles, in the fourth.

Last minute substitute Rigo Lopez, 154, San Diego, easily halted Sammy Sanchez, also 154, Tijuana, in the second.

Milton Bush, 161, La Habra, kayoed game Ondrade Williams, 159, Los Angeles, also in the second.
Dankin refereed all four preliminaries.
Dr. Michael DeLuca, ringside physician.
Mike Millsap, timekeeper.
Elson Irwin, ring announcer.
Mike Altenger, promoter.
(12-28-85)

▶**RIVERSIDE—Club Metro**—Unbeaten Zack Padilla, 138¼, Azusa, hit too hard for Frank Lopez, 135, Cerritos, who was rescued by referee Robert Byrd at 2:25 of the second in a scheduled eight. Lopez was down for six in the first.

Stablemates Juan Carlos Alvarado, 146½, Los Angeles, and Ray Morales, 149, Los Angeles, saved the show with eight rounds of "hard sparring." Morales tried a bit harder and won a unanimous decision. Scoring: referee Vince Delgado, 78-74; judge Kenny Davis, 77-76; judge Byrd, 77-75.

Francisco Segura, 129½, Coachella, knocked out last minute substitute Danny Sabedra, 130, Chino, in 2:58 of the second in a scheduled four. Debuting Sabedra was flattened by a right and counted out by referee Davis.

Samuel Pinto, 143, Huntington Park, and Mike Cruz, 145½, Baldwin Park, fought to a technical draw in 1:13 of the second in their scheduled four. Lucky Cruz was floored in the first and second and was only one punch away from a knockout defeat when he was cut over the left eye by an unintentional head butt. Vince Delgado, referee.
Dr. Robert Bitonte, ringside physician.
Ernie Snow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer.
Don Curl, promoter.
(12-17-85)

▶**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—Unbeaten hard puncher Richard Aguirre, 146, San Diego, destroyed Vince Dunfee, also 146, Butte, in 2:58 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Dunfee was cut and down twice. Fritz Werner, referee.

Dominic Parker, 221, San Diego, unanimously outpointed outgunned trier Connie Benson, 243, Los Angeles, six, not losing a round. Werner, referee.

Alex Madrid, 131, San Diego, TKO'd Manuel Medina, 128, Tijuana, at the end of the fourth round in a scheduled five. Medina's corner threw in the towel because of a bad cut over their man's right eye. Frank Rustich, referee.

Gabriel Ortiz, 138, San Diego, stopped Soloman Cervantes, 138, Tijuana, after three rounds of brutal toe-to-toe warfare in a scheduled four. Ringside physician Dr. William Lundeen pulled out Cervantes, who had a badly broken nose. Frank Rustich, referee.

Duane Rosette, 175, San Diego, halted Don Sheppard, 173, Los Angeles, referee Rustich stepping in at 1:10 of the second in a scheduled four to save Sheppard from further punishment.

Rocky Cazares, 129, San Diego, impressively debuted by knocking out Ricaardo Huerta, 126, Tijuana, with a hook to the body in 1:20 of the second in their scheduled four. Huerta was also dropped in the first. Rustich, referee.
Mike Millsap, timekeeper.
Mike Brady, ring announcer.
Mike Altenger, promoter.
(01-16-86)

▶**BIG BEAR—Convention Center**—Mauro Diaz, 113, Los Angeles, came back from two first round knockdowns to stop previously unbeaten Tony Deluca, 112, San Diego, at 2:29 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. Diaz, the sparring partner of former WBA junior flyweight champion Joey Olivo, decked Deluca twice in the fifth with hooks to the body. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

Rod Starks, 148, Anaheim, floored Adam Orozco, 148¾, Chino, in the first, then used his superior reflexes to cruise to an easy unanimous decision, six. Scoring: referee Lou Filippo, 59-54; judge Rozadilla, 59-54; judge Rudy Jordan, 58-55.

Ron Daniels, 173, Paso Robles, was a quick winner when he stunned, then cut Manuel Murillo, 174, San Diego, over the left eye in just 2:35 of the first round in a scheduled four. Jordan, referee.

Alex Madrid, 127, San Diego, kayoed David Bastian, 126, Los Angeles, with a blow to the belly, referee Jordan counting out Bastian in 2:01 of the second in their scheduled four.

Debuting Marvin Jenkins, 135, unanimously outpointed much shorter Greg Ortega, also 135, West Covina, four. Jenkins floored the paunchy Ortega in the first. Scoring: referee Filippo, 40-35;

judge Rozadilla, 40-35; judge Jordan, 40-36.
Dr. Robert Bitonte, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Elson Irwin, ring announcer.
Mike Altenger, promoter.
(01-11-86)

▶**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Brian Muller, 158¾, Las Vegas, advanced to the finals of The Forum Middleweight Tournament with a 10-round majority decision over Matthew Lewis, 160, Los Angeles. Lewis (8-3) had the punch but not the experience and was outhustled by Muller (20-1-1). Scoring: referee Vince Delgado, 98-93; judge Chuck Hassett, 97-93; judge Robert Byrd, 95-95.

Mike Moreno, 118, Tucson, hurt and in trouble in the first, knocked out foremr super flyweight challenger Julio Soto Solano, 115¼, New York, in 1:39 of the second in a scheduled 10 to advance in The Forum Bantamweight Tournament. Moreno (19-2-1) floored Solano (37-7-2) three times. Chuck Hassett, referee.

Kenny Mitchell, 113¾, Pensacola, Florida, also advanced to the bantamweight quarter finals by dominating and then stopping Jeff Whaley, 115½, Detroit, in 0:21 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10. Mitchell (14-5-2) had been inactive for 13 months. Scoring through seven: referee Marty Denkin, 69-64; judge Byrd, 69-64; judge Hassett, 70-63.

Darrell Thigpen, 119¾, Los Angeles, knocked out favored Carlos Manzano, 120, San Pedro, in 2:56 of the third round in a scheduled six. Manzano was floored twice. Byrd, referee.

Tyrone Jones, 153, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Gil Baptist, 155½, San Diego, four, not losing a round. Byrd, referee.
Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Roger Thill, ringside physicians.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, ring announcer.
Jerry Buss, promoter.
(01-13-86)

▶**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel**—George Garcia, 122, Westminster, won the vacant California State super bantamweight championship by stopping Oscar Muniz, 122, Pico Rivera, at 1:14 of the 11th round in a scheduled 12. Garcia, who is also the California bantamweight title holder, opened a cut on the left eye of Muniz, prompting referee Chuck Hassett to terminate the bout. Garcia counterpunched effectively, and lost only two rounds on *The Ring*'s scorecard. Official scoring through 10: judge John Thomas, 98-93; judge Dr. James Jen-Kin, 99-91; referee Hassett, 96-95.

Nick Delong, 228, Long Beach, stopped I.V. Nalls, 228, Compton, referee Jen-Kin intervening at 2:15 of the fifth in a scheduled six to save Nalls from further punishment.

Tony Paisson, 160¼, Pasadena, never stopped punching and scored two knockdowns before stopping Milton Bush, 161¼, La Habra, at 2:24 of the first round in a scheduled four. John Thomas, referee.

Unbeaten Lee Sentinella, 162½, formerly of Anchorage, Alaska, but now fighting out of Westminster, won a split decision over Ruben Blackwell, 158, Los Angeles, four. Sentinella took control after stunning Blackwell in the second. Scoring: referee Thomas, 39-38, Blackwell; judge Hassett, 39-37, Sentinella; judge Jen-Kin, 39-37, Sentinella.

Alfred Gonzales, 122, Chino, unanimously outpointed debuting Norberto Ayala, 119, Anaheim, four. Scoring: referee Jen-Kin, 39-37; judge Thomas, 40-37; judge Hassett, 39-37.

Edwin Williams, 148, Inglewood, was behind on points when he flattened German Mendoza, 147, San Diego, with a right hand with 1:11 remaining in a scheduled four. John Thomas, referee.
Dr. Michael DeLuca, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
Don Fraser, promoter.
(01-20-86)

▶**RESEDA—Country Club**—World rated Frankie Duarte, 121, Venice, knocked out Pedro Gonzalez, 122, Ontario, in 2:55 of the first round in a farcical scheduled 10. Gonzalez, no more than a four-round preliminary fighter, was floored three times. John Thomas, referee.

It was also target practice for unbeaten prospect Michael Nunn, 160, North Hollywood, who stopped overmatched Alvaro Granillo, 158, Tijuana, at 1:35 of the second in a scheduled 10. Granillo was upright, but taking punishment without reply, when referee Rudy Jordan stepped in.

Club favorite Manny Olivas, 119, Canoga Park, unanimously outpointed Arturo Rodriguez, 119, Blythe, six. Olivas punched too hard and too often for the game Rodriguez. Scoring: referee Jordan, 60-56; judge Raul Caiz, 59-55; judge Thomas, 60-54.

Eddie Rodriguez, 119, San Jose, was a very impressive unanimous points winner over tough but still learning puncher Fidel Briseno, 120, Eagle Rock, six, not losing a round. John Thomas, referee.

Jorge Cazares, 131, Blythe, scored a final round knockdown to win a one-point unanimous four-round verdict over Marvin Jenkins, 130, Los Angeles. Scoring: referee Jordan, 38-37; judge Caiz, 38-37; judge Thomas, 39-37.

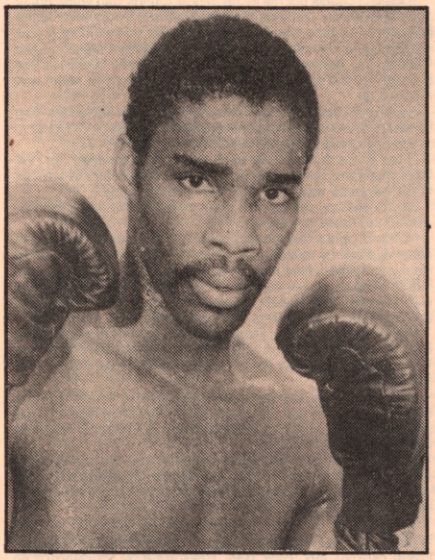
David Graves, 180, San Diego, knocked out Charlie James, 187, Los Angeles, with a right hand in 1:50 of the third round in a scheduled four. John Thomas, referee.
Dr. Robert Karns, ringside physician.
Ernie Snow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Victor French, Daniel Goossen, promoters.
(01-30-86)

▶**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Mario (Azabache) Martinez, 130, Guadalajara, stopped Lenny Valdez, 131, Mexicali, with just 13 seconds left in a thrilling scheduled 10. Martinez, the WBA's fourth ranked super featherweight, used an accurate jab to set up a punishing attack to Valdez's head and body. The gritty Valdez, ranked number 16 in the featherweight division, came right at Martinez and was always dangerous, but lost eight of the nine completed rounds. Marty Denkin, referee.

Louie Espinoza, 123, Phoenix, impressively knocked out Angel Valle, 128, Culiacan, in 2:26 of the second in a scheduled 10. Valle was floored twice. Dr. James Jen-Kin, referee.

Unbeaten Fernando Guzman, 130, Los Angeles, came from behind to floor and halt Mario Rivera, 133, Tijuana, referee Chuck Hassett intervening at 0:50 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

Juvenal Molina, 124¾, Los Angeles, outpointed Hector Lizarraga, 123, Fresno, in a four-round war. Dr. Jen-Kin, referee.
Dr. Michael DeLuca, Dr. Roger Hill, ringside physicians.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Jim Gillio, promoter.
(01-30-86)



Undefeated middleweight Michael Nunn recorded his 13th straight pro victory with a third-round, cut-eye TKO over Charles Carter in Inglewood.

▶**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Undefeated 1984 middleweight olympic trials runner-up Michael Nunn, 160, Sherman Oaks, halted 1980 trials champion Charles Carter, 161, Yakima, in 1:56 of the third round in a very disappointing scheduled 10. Carter (17-5) was cut on the left cheekbone by an unintentional butt half way through the first round, but decided to continue. The cut worsened after several other head clashes and ringside physician Dr. Bernhart Schwartz was forced to stop the fight. Many of the butts were caused by Carter's awkward lunge-and-grab style, but southpaw Nunn (13-0) also committed his share of fouls. Kenny Davis, referee.

Kenny Mitchell, 116¾, Pensacola, knocked out previously unbeaten Tony Montoya, 117½, Salt Lake City, in just 2:25 of the first round in their scheduled 10 with a left to the temple to advance to the semi-finals of The Forum Bantamweight Tournament. Mitchell, not known as a puncher, has a record of 15-5-2 with four knockouts. Montoya fell to 15-1-1. Dr. James Jen-Kin, referee.

Jesus Salud, 117½, Waianae, Hawaii, stopped Mike Phelps, 117¾, Galena Park, Texas, 1:22 into the 10th and final round to also advance in the bantamweight tournament. Salud (19-0) had only a one point lead in an extremely fast paced and exciting fight between two talented unbeatens when Phelps (21-1-1) was cut in three places around his left eye. Scoring through nine: referee Pat Connolly, 86-85; judge Jen-Kin, 86-86; judge Rudy Jordan, 88-86.

Jorge Diaz, 125, salvaged a draw with Hawaiian prospect Paul Lucas, 125, Mililani, by flooring Lucas at the bell ending the eighth and final round. Lucas, who built his lead in the middle rounds, is a compact hard puncher, but needs to work on his defense. Scoring: referee Jordan, 76-76; judge Jen-Kin, 76-75, Lucas; judge Connolly, 77-75, Diaz.

Glen Kennedy, 171¼, West Covina, scored a big upset when he won a majority decision over touted Art Jimmerson, 172¼, Los Angeles, six. Jimmerson tired badly in the final two rounds. Scoring: referee Jordan, 58-57; judge Jen-Kin, 59-56; judge Connolly, 57-57.

Mark Quickly, 145, Pasadena, unanimously outpointed Adam Orozco, 145, Chino, four, all three officials scoring 39-37. The game Orozco hung in despite suffering badly bruised left ribs in the second. Dr. James Jen-Kin, referee.

Debuting Antoine "T" Byrd, 157, Pomona, unanimously outscored Ruben Blackwell, 160, Los Angeles, in an excellent four. Blackwell came back strongly after being floored in the opening seconds of the third. Scoring: referee Connolly, 40-37; judge Jen-Kin, 39-37; judge Jordan, 39-36.
Dr. Schwartz, Dr. Michael DeLuca, ringside physicians.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Jerry Buss, promoter.
(02-10-86)

DEAN LOHUIS

▶**HOLLYWOOD—Palladium**—Gold medalist Paul Gonzales, 111½, East Los Angeles, won a unanimous 12 round decision over veteran Alonzo Strongbow (Gonzalez), 111½, Sepulveda, to capture the North American Boxing Federation Flyweight Championship in just his third professional fight. Strongbow (19-10-1), who lost a 15-round decision to Hilario Zapata in a bid for the WBA flyweight title only three months earlier, was outboxed over the first three rounds but rallied in the fourth and fifth. Gonzalez, the 1984 Olympic Flyweight Champion, used his superior hand and foot speed to retake control in the sixth, and except for some rocky moments in the eighth and 10th, won going away. Scoring: judge Dick Young, 117-111; judge Patricia Jarman, 116-113; judge Vince Delgado, 116-113. Lou Filippo, referee.

Olympic heavyweight gold medalist Henry Tillman, 195, Los Angeles, upped his record to 8-0 by stopping Sylvester Lee, 203, Gardena, in 2:15 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Tillman jolted Lee with a left, knocked him nearly senseless with a right, then continued to pour in the punches until referee Lou Moret stepped in. The 29-year-old Lee (6-4) later announced his retirement.

Ricky Romero, 113, Torrance, kayoed outclassed last minute substitute Eduardo Pachelo, 113, Escondido, in 2:33 of the first round in a scheduled six. Pachelo was floored twice. Lou Moret, referee.

Oscar Chavarria, 120¾, Santa Ana, unanimously outpointed game Pedro Lara, 119¼, Highland, four, not losing a round. Lou Moret, referee.
Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Roger Till, ringside physicians.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Bill Caplan, ring announcer.
Don Chargin, Dr. Phil Young, promoters.
(02-02-86)

▶**RESEDA—Country Club**—Erick Madrid, 138, Sylmar, unanimously outpointed 30-year-old warrior Nery Reyes, 136½, San Jose, in a terribly punishing 10. Madrid won clearly, but looked like a loser. His features were battered and swollen, he was cut by the left eye, and he bled from the nose from the middle rounds. Madrid (13-1-1), who was knocked out by Reyes in December, 1984, scored the only knockdown when he floored Reyes in the opening seconds of the first. Scoring: referee Rudy Jordan, 98-94; judge Pat Connolly, 97-93; judge Vince Delgado, 96-93.

Comebacking Zach Bolden, 163, Compton, knocked out Juan Neri, 164½, San Diego, with a left to the body in 2:33 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Pat Connolly, referee.

Roscoe Brown, 139½, Stockton, dominated before flooring and stopping James Dickson, 136½, Las Vegas, at 1:33 of the second round in a scheduled five. Pat Connolly, referee.

Jorge Cazares, 128, Blyth, scored a technical win over Greg Ortega, 129¼, West Covina, when Cazares was cut over the left eye by an unintentional head butt in 0:45 of the second in a scheduled four. Ortega's corner protested, claiming a punch did the damage. Vince Delgado, referee.

Joe Motton, 150, San Diego, unanimously outscored Roosevelt Jones, 151½, Las Vegas, in a competitive four between two first-time pros. Scoring: referee Delgado, 40-36; judge Jordan, 39-37; judge Connolly, 40-36.

Long-time matchmaker/promoter/manager Harry Kabakoff was honored during intermission.
Dr. Robert Karns, Dr. Dwight Trautdetter, ringside physicians.
Ernie Snow, timekeeper.
Bill Caplan, ring announcer.
Benny Urquidez (Jet Center Promotions), promoter.
(02-04-86)

▶**POMONA—California Poly University Gym**—WBA bantamweight champion Richie Sandoval, 127½, Pomona, unanimously outpointed Hector Cortez, 125, Los Angeles, in a dull non-title 10. Both boxers were fined 10% of their purses for weighing more than the contracted limit of 123 pounds. Scoring: referee Larry Rozadilla, 100-92; judge Chuck Hassett, 100-91; judge John Thomas, 100-90.

Unbeaten Zach Padilla, 142, Azusa, knocked out Eduardo Gonzales, 137, Tijuana, with a heavy right in 2:26 of the first round in a scheduled eight. John Thomas, referee.

Action fighter Paul Banke, 123, Azusa, unanimously outpointed Arturo Lozado, 123, Tijuana, in a hard fought six. Scoring: referee Hassett, 58-57; judge Rozadilla, 59-56; judge Thomas, 59-56.

Debuting Steve Cesina, 147, kayoed Guadalupe Martinez, 150, Mexicali. Referee Hassett counted out Martinez in 2:37 of the second round in a scheduled four.
Dr. Michael DeLuca, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
Don Curl, promoter.
(02-07-86)

CONNECTICUT

▶**HARTFORD—Civic Center, Assembly Hall**—USBA welter champ Marlon Starling, 149, Hartford, didn't even develop a sweat in stopping day-before sub Leo Davis, 151, of Ft. Payne, Ala., in 51 seconds of the second round in a slated non-title 10.

Leo's body trembled from the effects of a solid right-hand shot, following a series of withering blows. A left hook to the head lowered Leo to the deck, flat on his back, eyes shut as Ref Matt Mallaney signalled his pains were over.

Davis had absorbed clusters of clouts and had his nose bleeding badly in the first, which sent ring physician Dr. Steven M. Stein scurrying up the steps to examine him between rounds.

The Magic Man's 21st kayo was his first knockout in over two years, or since he stopped Bob Graddy in the same ring November 26, 1983.

The Ring's fourth-ranked welter seeks another world title shot, and Cedric Kushner, his New York connection said: "There are only two or three guys in the world who stand in the way."

Best bout on the card was the six-round opener in which Ray Doughty, 135, Waterbury, outpointed Santana Pilarte, 142, New York. The action-packed duel drew roars of approval from obser-

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vers and rounds of applause throughout and at its end. A reflex punch landing a split second after the bell got Ray a knockdown in the first and he in turn was dropped in the final heat.

Papo Figueroa, 154, East Hartford, stopped Chico Rosa, 160, Springfield, in the second of a slated eight; Doctor Stein reporting the latter suffered a bruised knuckle.

Don Smith, 183, Hartford outscored Tim Eaton, 175, New York, six, dropping Eaton in the first.

Milton Torrez, 133, Springfield, and Esteban Estien, also 133, New York, drew, six.

Pedro Maisonette, 147, New York, halted Eddie Correa, 145, Holyoke, Mass., in the first round of their scheduled six, dropping the Bay Stater three times.

Officials—Sam Maltempo, Matt Mallaney, Bob Muravnick.
Timekeeper—Lou Dell.
Ringside Physician—Steven M. Stein.
Ring Announcer—Bob Steele.
Sports Promotions and Cedric Kushner Productions.
Attendance—1,012. Gross—$11,000.
(01-24-86)

▶WEST HARTFORD—Agora Ballroom—Head-to-head sluggers drew rousing cheers from thrilled spectators as Papo Figueroa, 149, Hartford, hammered John Saunders, 150, Boston, Mass., into submission in less than three rounds of a slated 10.

Raking his foe with rib-rattling gunfire from the second round on, Papo kept up his withering broadsides until Saunders sunk in surrender at 2:15 of the third. Saunders had traded blow for blow with the sturdier and more durable Figueroa during the first two sessions, and the fans broke into roars of appreciation. However, the Bostonian could not match Papo's stamina and firepower in the third, and referee Sam Maltempo counted him out while humped on knees and arms. It was Papo's 33rd victory against five losses.

A decision reversal within an hour changed a knockout into a "no-decision" verdict, based on a little known rule in the state's boxing manual. It came about when unbeaten Edwin Rodriguez, 144, Hartford was allegedly thumbed in an eye by Pedro Maisonette, 143, New York. With a gashed eyelid, Rodriguez dropped in distress and was counted out by referee Matt Mullaney at 1:37 of the first round. First established in the 1940s and retained when rules were revised after boxing was reinstated in Conn. in the 1970s, the rule covers unusual situations such as this. Inspector Sal Giacobbe of the state's Athletics Division ruled it "no contest."

The show's best bout was the six-round opener in which Hollister Elliott, 137, Waterbury, outgunned Jaime Rodriguez, 136, Springfield, Mass., in a see-saw battle of rugged punchers. Jaime finally ran out of gas.

Results of other six-rounders on the card:

Milton Torrez, 134, Springfield, Mass., stopped Robert Dixon, 138, Memphis, Tenn., at 2:32 of the first.

Doug Mallette, 162, Providence, R.I., outpointed Miguel Rosa, 163, Holyoke, Mass.

Don Smith, 175, Hartford, halted Gary Gibbs, 175, Providence, R.I., at 1:54 of the first.

Manny Leibert, president of the Conn. Boxing Guild, pitched in as a last-hour substitute announcer and came through loud and clear. His fervent plea for contributions to aid former Hartford boxer "Chi Chi" Rodriguez drew $500 from spectators. The retired welterweight was crippled for life after being shot by a robber in the small store he owned.

Officials—Bob Muravnick, Sam Maltempo, Matt Mullaney.
Timekeeper—Jack LaSalle.
Ringside Physician—Steven M. Stein, M.D.
Ring Announcer—Manny Leibert.
Sports Promotions.
Attendance—185. Gross—$2,380.
(02-24-86)

JOSEPH CASSANO

NEVADA

▶LAS VEGAS—Showboat—Give featherweight Steve Cruz's connections high marks for good judgment.

David Gorman, who manages the rising 22-year-old talent from Fort Worth, Texas, and trainer Joe Barrientos, were approached with a title shot as a substitute against World Boxing Association featherweight champion Barry McGuigan in February.

Cruz, the WBA's number nine contender, was already committed to Top Rank's ESPN 10-round main event here at the Showboat hotel-casino, while the overseas offer two weeks later was to fill in for injured challenger Fernando Sosa of Argentina in Dublin, Ireland.

"Thanks, but no thanks," Gorman politely explained. "We trained for Garcia's style, and that's the fight we'll keep. There will be other days."

Danilo Cabrera of the Dominican Republic took the spot and made it interesting for McGuigan before going out on a 14th round TKO. Barney Eastwood, the champion's manager, said the United States was McGuigan's next stop, possibly in May, so Cruz might not have to go overseas—if he keeps on winning.

Right now Mel Greb, Top Rank's matchmaker in Nevada, is dickering to close a match at the Showboat between Cruz and "Baby Joe" Ruelas of Los Angeles, a 12-round affair for the latter's North American Boxing Federation 126-pound title.

There were times that prospect appeared in jeopardy. When Cruz finally got into the ring with the 26-year-old Garcia, who is best remembered for losing a 15-round title decision in 1981 when the late Salvador Sanchez was World Boxing Council champion, it developed into a chess match of similar styles. Cruz was extended the limit by the more experienced Garcia before escaping with a controversial split decision.

In the end, Cruz, now 25-1, 13 KOs, was roundly booed for his work against a worthy opponent who has never been off his feet in 36 starts as a professional. The Mexican-born veteran's ledger dipped to 27-7-2, 14 KOs. Both boxers weighed 127¾.

A draw verdict might have limited the catcalls being heaped on the slick-boxing Texan. Many ringside experts felt it would have been a more accurate decision in a bout devoid of knockdowns.

The official balloting of the Las Vegas judges saw Hal Miller and Patricia Jarman tab it 97-94 and 97-93, respectively, for Cruz. Lou Tabat went for Garcia, 96-93. *The Ring*'s tally was even at 95-95.

In the early rounds, Cruz was sticking and moving, waiting for the methodical Garcia to initiate the action so he could counter with those patented combinations to the head and body. Both rivals were virtually unmarked other than lumps on their foreheads from accidental collisions in the middle rounds.

"No question, Garcia is a lot tougher and smarter than Cordova," the Texan admitted. "Since we had similar styles, I didn't want to jump on him . . . it would have been too risky because I might have got cut. As it was, we banged heads a few times.

"I'll admit Garcia got me in the middle rounds with some pretty good body shots. I'd never been hit that hard by anybody to the body. But this time I learned I need better conditioning. I was helping Gene Hatcher in San Antonio, and Robin Blake in Lake Charles, La., getting ready for their recent fights. Workouts like that are not the same. You don't get everything you need, and I need it all."

Garcia was acknowledged more in this questionable loss than he was in those two sensational draws (22 rounds) with Cordova at the Showboat in September and November of 1984.

"I felt a little tight in there early, and then I loosened up," the California transplant admitted. "I figured I did enough to win, but that's the same way I felt after the Cordova fights."

Jackie McCoy, the Los Angeles veteran who trains Garcia, viewed the result realistically.

"When a fight's that close, it's not fair to argue unless you're keeping score by rounds, and I wasn't," McCoy said. "I wanted Rocky to hustle a little more and fight inside a little more. I told him to keep those hands high and not clinch. Other than fights with Sanchez and Ruben Castillo, Garcia's other losses were against world class fighters that could have gone either way."

Ernie Landeros, 135½, Eagle Rock, California, finished looking like the loser, but hung on to gain a controversial but unanimous 10-round decision over Victor Acosta, 134¾, New York, in the semi-windup.

The 19-year-old Landeros' right eye started swelling in the third round as he put the pressure on the more experienced Acosta. Landeros went to the body early, but many of his shots landed on Acosta's elbows.

Landeros' left eye also was swollen in the late rounds, and while his punching power was ebbing, the youngster's first trip going 10 heats improved his record to 10-1-2, six KOs while Acosta fell to 18-13-2, six KOs.

Avery Rawls, 201, Los Angeles, ran his win skein to eight straight victories, but failed to gain his seventh knockout against Oscar Holman, 207, New York. There were no knockdowns as the rugged Holman dropped to 12-6-1, eight KOs.

Vincent Releford, 141¾, Fort Worth, Texas, outpunched tough Stuart Baines, 141¾, Los Angeles, to gain a unanimous eight-round decision. Releford is now 9-0 with eight KOs while Baines fell to 4-3, three KOs.

In two four-rounders, Israel Cole, 160, Las Vegas, gained a TKO win over Tom Lillard, 160½, Los Angeles, at 2:35 of the first round, and Ruben Posada, 148, Las Vegas, posted a unanimous verdict over Elfigo Graham, 146½, Tucson, Arizona.
(02-07-86)

▶RENO—MGM Grand—Greg Haugen didn't stoop to conquer, he reached.

The 25-year-old undefeated lightweight from Auburn, Washington gave away nearly four inches to the six-foot Juan Carlos Alvarado of Guadalajara, Mexico before scoring a ninth-round TKO in the semi-final 10-rounder on the Bramble-Crawley WBA lightweight championship undercard at the MGM Grand Hotel-casino.

Haugen, 136, needed a couple of rounds to solve the puzzle presented by his elongated, unorthodox rival. Though hurting Alvarado, 139½, early, Haugen didn't put him down until late in the sixth round.

The rising Washington talent caught the Mexican with a left hook to the liver, dropping Alvarado faced down. The latter rose at referee Mills Lane's count of eight with five seconds left in the round.

Haugen hurt Alvarado twice in the seventh round, and maintained a steady assault of hooks and uppercuts to the head and body in the ninth round, prompting Lane to halt the action at 39 seconds. Alvarado's record dipped to 24-10.

Haugen improved his record to 15-0-1, nine kayoes as he tuned up to meet Edwin Cruet in a 12-round title bout for the vacant North American Boxing Federation 135-pound title.

Bash Ali, top-ranked cruiserweight from Oakland, California with a 34-7 record, had to cancel his scheduled 10-round bout with Jeff Lampkin (24-8) of Youngstown, Ohio when he developed an overnight infection in his right eye.

Shawn Ayers, 176½, Carson City, Nevada, knocked out Rubin Williams, 177½, San Jose, California at 3:00 of the first round in a scheduled six-rounder.

John Edwards, 140½, Reno, Nevada TKO'd Clifton Charleswell, 141, Virgin Islands, at 34 seconds of the fourth and final round.
(02-16-86)

JACK WELSH

INDIANA

▶INDIANAPOLIS—Market Square Arena—The following bouts made up the undercard to the Marvin Johnson-Leslie Stewart WBA light heavyweight title bout.

Harold Brazier, 139, South Bend, retained his Indiana State junior welterweight title with a fifth round TKO over Ken Snider of Decker.

Curtis Summit, 146, Joliet, Ill., outpointed Anthony Bryant, 145½, Nashville, Tenn., eight.

Ronnie Essett, 163½, Indianapolis, outscored Steve Gambles, 165¼, Indianapolis, 10.

Frank Minton, 170, outpointed Danny Blake, 178¾, Milwaukee, eight.

Victorio Belcher, 139, South Bend, outscored Walter Cowan, 137, Milwaukee, six.

Tim Fryerson, 230, Lafayette, outpointed Ernie Clark, 221, Chicago, four.
(02-09-86)

LOUISIANA

▶MONROE—Civic Center—Richard Savage kayoed Jose (Speedy) Gonzales in the fifth round of the scheduled 10-round co-main event. The now 26-0 Savage outclassed his opponent.

Darrell Savoy knocked out Ray Garza in the second round of their scheduled 10. Garza was knocked down four times. Savoy is now 16-1.

John (Supersonic) Sinegal won a shutout verdict over Mario Corinado, eight. Sinegal is now 23-2-1.

Ferrain Comeaux, making a comeback, kayoed Eduardo Gonzales in round threee. Comeaux is now fighting under Cajun Blood, Inc., Kerry Daigle, president.

Boyd (The Cajun Bomber) Trahan won a shutout decision over Darren Neal, six. Trahan, a good looking junior lightweight, is now 8-0.

Robin Strong, Carencro, La., outscored Sam Jones, Port Arthur, Texas, four.

Jeff Williams, Monroe, shut out Marcus Darcy, Port Arthur, four.
Promoter—Alex George.
Matchmaker—Anthony Stagni.
Attendance—4,500 (est.). Gross—$52,638.
(01-29-86)

MICHIGAN

▶MT. CLEMENS—Thomas Crystal Gardens—Johnny Ace Smith gave the Mt. Clemens fans some entertaining fights in his first venture into the area with his club card style fights in the elegant Thomas Crystal Gardens, complete with buffet. The room

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only holds about 600 and he put in 400 the first shot. On hand was former world champ Floyd Patterson, who came in with his adopted son, Tracy Harris Patterson. There was also an unscheduled appearance by former heavyweight contender, and now Toronto promoter, George Chuvalo.

Topping the card in two main events were Smith proteges Ernest (Ice Tea) Houser and Vince (Blue Thunder) Hopper. Hopper, 177, Westland, Mich., provided his thunder by dropping Chuck McDowell, 185, St. Louis, two times in the second round and stopping him at the bell to end the third. Hopper improved to 7-0. His counterpart, Ernest Houser, 150, Detroit, improved to 4-1 with a third round stoppage of Collins Kellar, 152, Columbus, Ohio, at 2:58 of the third round when the bout was stopped because of a cut above the left eye of Kellar.

An impressive victory was scored by Vernon (Yogi) Buchanan, 137, St. Louis, who blasted out highly thought of Alex (Birdman) Byrd, 135, Detroit. Buchanan leveled Byrd for the count with a big right hand in 1:37 of the opening canto. Byrd slipped to 19-4. Buchanan is now 12-3-1 and all three losses have been close split decisions. Michigan fighters have been his meat and potatoes, and while Yogi lost a close split decision on ESPN to Kronk's J.L. Ivey, he has now scored victories over Shawn Thomas, Kronk's Gary Martin, and Byrd.

Tracy Harris Patterson, 132½, New Paltz, New York, gave away plenty of height and reach to Lamont Buchanan, 135, St. Louis, but overcame both to catch up to Lamont in the fifth, send him down twice (and a third time to the bottom strand of ropes) to score a TKO victory at 2:07 of the fifth round in their scheduled six.

Glen Ross, 148, Detroit, TKO'd Frank Nolan, 153, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. Nolan went down from a right to the body in the second, and the bout was stopped at 2:25 of the round because of a cut over Frank's right eye.

ABC Promotions.
Matchmaker—Lindy Lindell.
Chief Inspector—James Cullen.
Referees—Marv MacDonald, Bob Fisher.
Judges—Sue Denton, Bernie Humphrey.
Ring Announcer—George Young.
Timekeeper—Ken Pace.
Attendance—400 (estimated).
(02-12-86)

▶**STERLING HEIGHTS—Premier Center**—The cross state rivalry that made up the USBA super middleweight championship headlining this card packed the luxurious Premier Center. The attendance, 1,120, was a complete sellout, and the card was telecast live on PASS television. When the dust cleared from the short but exciting fight between Lindell Holmes, 167, Detroit, and Murray Sutherland, 168, Bay City, they were crowning a new champion.

Defending champion Sutherland, 49-13-1, started out slowly, feeling out his challenger. For Holmes, it was a full-out attack, using his left hand often and accurately. A solid left uppercut lifted Sutherland off the canvas and dropped him in the second round. The Scotsman got to his feet, took the eight-count, and then finished the round. It appeared that the ripping body shots of Holmes were taking their toll. In the third, a small cut appeared over Murray's right eye and shortly afterwards a tremendous right hand again lifted him from the canvas and deposited him on the mat in a neutral corner. Referee Sam Williams was in the process of counting out Sutherland, who had managed to climb to his feet dazed when the ringside physician appeared at his side. While this added some confusion, Sutherland was counted out, and it was officially ruled a knockout at 2:40 of the third round. The jubilant Holmes, 28-5, leaped around the ring and was awarded the belt to become the new USBA super middleweight champion. The behind-the-scenes stories that the fans didn't know about had both corners nervous beforehand. The week prior, Holmes had suffered from a case of pneumonia and had to lay-off working out. Sutherland had come in two pounds overweight and had to lose the weight—which he did.

The undercard was a very good one that provided some surprises and upsets. Perhaps the biggest surprise came when Steve (Stevie D) Darnell, 161, Livonia, Mich., had his bout with Jeff McCall, 162, Cincinnati, stopped at 2:59 of the second by referee Dale Grable and was declared the victor by disqualification. It had been a slam bang, rough and tumble war up until that point, and Darnell had received a cut on his right eyebrow from a butt. At first, most ringsiders thought McCall had been disqualified for butting, but the ruling was *biting*. Ref Grable brought Darnell over to ringside to show Dr. Stuart Kirschenbaum, the Chairman of the Michigan Athletic Board of Control, a large bite on Darnell's neck. McCall contended that Darnell had bit him first and later in the dressing room displayed a bite mark on his chest, something he should have shown the referee in the ring. The vampire attack provided Darnell with his 12th victory against only a draw.

In a surprising contest that went the distance, Ozzie (Wizard) O'Neal, 142½, Youngstown, picked up a big win when he topped Michigan welterweight and junior welterweight champion Glen Smith, 143, Bay City, in an eight-round split decision. Despite one judge giving it to Smith, 77-75, the other two judges were right on the mark with 78-74 scores in favor of O'Neal, who improved his log to 11-3-1. Smith, who sustained a nasty cut in the second but managed to get through the fight despite the cut and swollen left eye, dropped to 18-3.

The other Michigan double champion, Erskine Wade Costict, 129, Detroit, who holds the state junior lightweight and featherweight belts, had much better luck as he handled Jesus Muniz, 130, Mexico, well, putting him down in the second and again in the seventh in winning on a TKO at 1:42 of that round. Muniz is a reported 16-2 and Costict is 14-4-1. Costict holds a victory over Danilo Cabrera who recently challenged Barry McGuigan for the WBA title.

The opening fight on the card had a close battle between Darryl Spain, 167, Cleveland, and Kenny Wright, 168, Battle Creek. Spain thus continued his domination of Michigan fighters (he had stopped Martin Pierce and Mickey Goodwin in his last visits here) with a unanimous 76-75, 78-73, and 80-70 (??)

UNITED STATES RATINGS
BY THE UNITED STATES BOXING FEDERATION

(As of February 2, 1986)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Florida)
1. Larry Holmes (Pennsylvania)
2. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
3. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
4. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
5. James Broad (New Jersey)
6. Mike Weaver (California)
7. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)
8. James (Buster) Douglas (Ohio)
9. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
10. David Bey (Pennsylvania)
11. Eddie Gregg (New York)
12. Greg Page (Kentucky)
13. Jesse Ferguson (Pennsylvania)
14. Lee Canalito (Texas)
15. Mike Tyson (New York)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Boone Pultz (New Jersey)
1. Bashiru Ali (California)
2. Ricky Parkey (New Jersey)
3. Dorcey Gaymon (Florida)
4. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
5. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
6. Evander Holyfield (Georgia)
7. Anthony Davis (California)
8. Reggie Gross (Maryland)
9. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
10. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
11. Bert Cooper (Pennsylvania)
12. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
13. Leon Spinks (Missouri)
14. Carlos Hernandez (New York)
15. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
1. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
2. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
3. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
4. Junior Edmond (New Jersey)
5. Diamond Jim MacDonald (Texas)
6. Prince Mamah Mohammed (Calif.)
7. Kelvin Kelly (Pennsylvania)
8. Anthony Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
9. David Sears (New York)
10. Tim Broady (New Jersey)
11. Bobby Jennings (South Carolina)
12. Freddie Guzman (Texas)
13. Clarence Osby (Wisconsin)
14. Charles Williams (Michigan)
15. Grover Robinson (California)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
1. Lindell Holmes (Ohio)
2. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)
3. Poncho Carter (Georgia)
4. Nicky Walker (Nevada)
5. Marvin Mack (Pennsylvania)
6. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
7. Charles Carter (Washington)
8. Frank Minton (Indiana)
9. Kenny Styles (New York)
10. Carlos Tite (Indiana)
11. Sanderline Williams (Ohio)
12. Jay Strickland (Texas)
13. Ron Essett (Indiana)
14. Arthur Baylis (Pennsylvania)
15. Ignacio Zavala (Texas)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
John Collins (Illinois)
1. James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
2. James Kinchen (California)
3. Iran Barkley (New York)
4. Don Lee (Indiana)
5. Robbie Sims (Massachusetts)
6. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
7. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
8. Mike Tinley (New Jersey)
9. Michael Nunn (California)
10. Carl Jones (California)
11. Doug DeWitt (New York)
12. Kevin Watts (New Jersey)
13. Charles Boston (New Jersey)
14. Esteban Pizarro (Puerto Rico)
15. Brian Muller (Nevada)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Duane Thomas (Michigan)
1. Davey Moore (New York)
2. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
3. David Braxton (Michigan)
4. Mark Medal (New York)
5. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
6. Ken Shannon (Virginia)
7. Lupe Aquino (California)
8. Troy Darrell (New York)
9. Fred Hutchings (California)
10. Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)
11. Mark McPherson (New Jersey)
12. Mardo Roybal (California)
13. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
14. James Green (New Jersey)
15. Kenny Snow (Texas)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. Maurice Blocker (D.C.)
3. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
4. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
5. Simon Brown (D.C.)
6. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
7. Manning Galloway (Ohio)
8. Mark Breland (New York)
9. Bobby Joe Young (Ohio)
10. Mike Picciotti (Pennsylvania)
11. Jerome Kinney (Michigan)
12. Roman George (Louisiana)
13. Darryl Anthony (Missouri)
14. Curtis Summit (Illinois)
15. Allen Braswell (New York)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
1. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
2. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
3. Joe Louis Manley (New Jersey)
4. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
5. Frankie Warren (Texas)
6. Bill Costello (New York)
7. Harold Brazier (Indiana)
8. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
9. Vincent Pazienza (Rhode Island)
10. John Meekins (New York)
11. Ricky Young (New York)
12. Mitchell Julian (California)
13. Vincent Pettway (Maryland)
14. Othal Dixon (Texas)
15. Gene Hatcher (Texas)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
1. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
2. Terrence Alli (New York)
3. Sammy Fuentes (Puerto Rico)
4. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
5. Meldrick Taylor (Pennsylvania)
6. Irleis (Cubanito) Perez (Calif.)
7. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
8. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
9. Roger Mayweather (Nevada)
10. Frankie Randall (Tennessee)
11. Shelton LeBlanc (Louisiana)
12. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
13. Edwin Curet (Massachusetts)
14. Charlie (Choo Choo) Brown (Pa.)
15. Greg Haugen (Washington)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
2. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
3. Bobby Chacon (California)
4. Mark Fernandez (Colorado)
5. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
7. Steve Cruz (Texas)
8. Raphe Sims (Texas)
9. Anthony English (New Jersey)
10. Adrian Arreola (California)
11. Dwight Pratchett (Indiana)
12. Donald Caples (Texas)
13. Darrell Savoy (Louisiana)
14. Kenny Baysmore (D.C.)
15. Keith Stevenson (Florida)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Calvin Grove (Pennsylvania)
1. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
2. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
3. Billy White (Louisiana)
4. Johnny de la Rosa (Florida)
5. Refugio Rojas (California)
6. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
7. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
8. Irving Mitchell (California)
9. Baby Joe Ruelas (California)
10. Louis Espinoza (Arizona)
11. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico)
12. Vernon Buchanan (Missouri)
13. Lenny Valdez (California)
14. Dana Roston (Nevada)
15. Juan LaPorte (New York)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
3. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
4. George Garcia (California)
5. Harold Petty (Texas)
6. Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
7. Mike Ayala (Texas)
8. James Pipps (Texas)
9. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
10. Jorge Ramirez (California)
11. Oscar Muniz (California)
12. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
13. Paulie Ayala (Texas)
14. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
15. Earnie Johnson (California)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Hurley Snead (Michigan)
1. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
2. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
3. Sam David (New Jersey)
4. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
5. Frankie Duarte (California)
6. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
7. Steve McCrory (Michigan)
8. Jeff Whaley (Michigan)
9. Kelvin Seabrooks (North Carolina)
10. David Gauvin (Massachusetts)
11. Mike Moreno (Arizona)
12. James Manning (Oregon)
13. Ruben Solario (California)
14. Osvaldo Acevedo (Florida)
15. Bryan Jones (Pennsylvania)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Henry Brent (New York)
1. Joey Olivo (California)
2. Sugar Baby Rojas (Florida)
3. Paul Gonzales (California)
4. Kenny Mitchell (New York)
5. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (Calif.)
6. Ian Clyde (California)
7. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
8. Orlando Canizales (Texas)
9. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
10. Mario Savala (California)
11. Robert Robinson (Pennsylvania)
12. Troy Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
13. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
14. Alcides Morales (Florida)
15. Miguel Mercedes (California)

NORTH AMERICAN RATINGS
BY THE NORTH AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION

(As of February 24, 1986)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Michael Spinks (Missouri)
2. Mike Weaver (California)
3. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
4. Mike Tyson (New York)
5. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
6. Carl Williams (New York)
7. Marvis Frazier (Pennslyvania)
8. David Bey (Pennsylvania)
9. Jeff Sims (Florida)
10. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
11. James Broad (New Jersey)
12. Eddie Gregg (New York)
13. Mitchell Green (New York)
14. James Douglas (Ohio)
15. Pisa Finai (Utah)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Bashiru Ali (California)
1. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
2. Ricky Parkey (New Jersey)
3. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
4. Leon Spinks (Michigan)
5. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)
6. Dorcey Gamon (Florida)
7. Curtis Isaac (Michigan)
8. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
9. Evander Holyfield (Georgia)
10. Spencer Chavis (Michigan)
11. Tim Thomas (California)
12. Anthony Davis (California)
13. Tyrone Booze (Connecticut)
14. Saad Muhammad (Pennsylvania)
15. Henry Milligan (California)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Edwards (Michigan)
1. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
2. Poncho Carter (Georgia)
3. David Sears (New York)
4. Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
5. Junior Edmond (New Jersey)
6. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
7. Prince Mamah Mohammed (California)
8. Charles Williams (Michigan)
9. Eddie Davis (New York)
10. Anthony Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
11. Diamond Jim MacDonald (Texas)
12. Kelvin Kelly (Pennsylvania)
13. Jeff Lampkin (Ohio)
14. Mike Lee (Maryland)
15. Vinnie Curto (Florida)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
1. James Kinchen (California)
2. Don Lee (Indiana)
3. Lindell Holmes (Michigan)
4. Michael Olajide (British Columbia)
5. Iran Barkley (New York)
6. Doug DeWitt (New York)
7. Carl Jones (California)
8. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
9. Kevin Watts (New Jersey)
10. Robbie Sims (Massachusetts)
11. Luis Rivera (New Jersey)
12. Mike Tinley (New Jersey)
13. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
14. Alex Ramos (New York)
15. Charles Boston (New Jersey)

SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
David Braxton (Michigan)
1. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
2. Matthew Hilton (Quebec)
3. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
4. Troy Darrell (New York)
5. Mark Medal (New York)
6. Lupe Aquino (California)
7. Fred Hutchings (California)
8. Darrell Chambers (Michigan)
9. Davey Moore (New York)
10. Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)
11. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
12. Willie Harris (Pennsylvania)
13. Kenny Snow (Texas)
14. William Clayton (Illinois)
15. James Green (New Jersey)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Maurice Blocker (New Jersey)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. Horace Shulford (Nevada)
3. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
4. Darryl Anthony (Missouri)
5. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
6. Simon Brown (D.C.)
7. Mark Breland (New York)
8. Troy Wortham (Connecticut)
9. David Hilton (Quebec)
10. Manning Galloway (Ohio)
11. Rigoberto Lopez (California)
12. Diomedes Colome (California)
13. Mike Picciotti (Pennsylvania)
14. Herman Montes (California)
15. Shawn O'Sullivan (Ontario)

SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Ronnie Shields (Texas)
1. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
2. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
3. Alexis Arguello (Florida)
4. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
5. Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez (Mexico)
6. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
7. Bill Costello (New York)
8. Joe Louis Manley (New Jersey)
9. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
10. Harold Brazier (Indiana)
11. Darryl Fuller (Tennessee)
12. Othal Dixon (Texas)
13. Frankie Warren (Texas)
14. Ricky Young (New York)
15. Mitchell Julien (California)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
2. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
3. Greg Haugen (Washington)
4. Edwin Curet (Massachusetts)
5. Roger Mayweather (Nevada)
6. Terrence Alli (New York)
7. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
8. Frankie Randall (Florida)
9. Cubanito Perez (California)
10. Shelton LeBlanc (Louisiana)
11. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
12. John Montes (California)
13. Chris Calvin (Tennessee)
14. Vinnie Pazienza (Rhode Island)
15. Meldrick Taylor (Pennsylvania)

SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Dwight Pratchett (Indiana)
1. Bobby Chacon (California)
2. Raphe Sims (Texas)
3. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
4. Anthony English (Pennsylvania)
5. Mark Fernandez (Colorado)
6. Johnny de la Rosa (Florida)
7. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
8. Kenny Baysmore (D.C.)
9. Oscar Bejinez (California)
10. Keith Stevenson (Florida)
11. Wilmer Ruiz (Texas)
12. Efrain Nieves (Wisconsin)
13. Ramon Marchena (Mexico)
14. Darnell Savoy (Louisiana)
15. Derwin Richards (Texas)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Baby Joe Ruelas (California)
1. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
2. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
3. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
4. Refugio Rojas (California)
5. Steve Cruz (Texas)
6. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
7. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
8. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
9. Roger Arevalo (Mexico)
10. Billy White (Louisiana)
11. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
12. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico)
13. Adrian Arreola (California)
14. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
15. Mauro Gutierrez (Mexico)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Ayala (Texas)
1. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
2. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
3. Louis Espinoza (Arizona)
4. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
5. Jorge (Schoolboy) Ramirez (Cal.)
6. Jaime Garza (California)
7. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
8. Harold Petty (Texas)
9. Oscar Muniz
10. Arnel Arrozal (Oregon)
11. Eusebio Espinal (New York)
12. Carlos Segura (Mexico)
13. Ramon Jimenez (Mexico)
14. Mauro Gutierrez (Mexico)
15. Jesse Benavides (Texas)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
1. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
2. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
3. James Pipps (Texas)
4. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
5. George Garcia (California)
6. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
7. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
8. Albert Davila (California)
9. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
10. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
11. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
12. James Manning (Oregon)
13. Raul Perez (Mexico)
14. Frankie Duarte (California)
15. Kenny Mitchell (New York)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Gonzalez (California)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
3. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
4. Ruben Padilla (Mexico)
5. Armando Velasco (Mexico)
6. Rodolfo Alvarado (Mexico)
7. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
8. Marco Antonio Benitez (Mexico)
9. Arturo Mujica (Mexico)
10. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (Calif.)
11. Artemio Ruiz (Mexico)
12. Felix Castillo (Texas)
13. Miguel Angel Cota (Mexico)
14. Ray Medel (Texas)
15. Wilebaldo Salazar (Mexico)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
2. German Torres (Mexico)
3. Joey Olivo (California)
4. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
5. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
6. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
7. Emilio Santos (Mexico)
8. Amado Ursua (Mexico)
9. Javier Alonzo (Mexico)
10. Babe Luis (Mexico)
11. Santiago Mendez (Mexico)
12. Memo Flores (Mexico)
13. Hilario Duran (Mexico)
14. Ismael Benitez (Mexico)
15. Adalberto Martinez (Mexico)

scores. Wright slipped to 6-2.
LAC-HBM Promotions.
Matchmaker—Ross Barber.
Chief Inspector—James Cullen.
Referees—Sam Williams, Dale Grable.
Judges—Bob Watson, Charlene Warner, Tom Briscoe.
Announcer—Wally Jackson.
Timekeeper—Joe A. Kollins.
Attendance—1,120 plus.
(02-25-86)

▶▶DETROIT—Cobo Arena—Topping this well fought 8-bout card put on by Ringside Productions was the highly touted Tony (TNT) Tucker, 213½, Detroit. It was hoped that Tucker would put on an exciting and impressive performance, but his opponent, Eddie Richardson, 224, Dallas, had no intention of that happening. Richardson fought a "play safe" fight just outside of his long reach, moving for the entire 10 rounds. Tucker spent the entire bout stalking Richardson, but whenever he pressed for action, the Texan would move away. The results showed it, as Tucker scored his 30th win with decisions of 100-90 on all scorecards. A slow fight, but the rest of the card was hopping. Richardson is now 12-4.

In eight-round welterweight action, Danny (Mad Dog) Paul, 144½, Detroit, won a unanimous decision, sweeping all cards 80-72 over Mike Castronova, 146¾, Youngstown, Ohio. The contest was held up in the fifth round for 10 minutes when the top strand of rope came loose. Paul was too strong for the southpaw.

Local favorite Phillip Morefield, 158¼, Warren, Mich., tagged the "Michigan Assassin," ran his win streak to nine in a row with a count-out of Ricky Stevenson, 151, Norfolk, Va., at 0:34 of the opening round after knocking him down with a right. Of the over 3000 fans on hand, more than a thousand must have been Morefield fans, because they stood and cheered and chanted throughout the quick fight.

Detroit light heavyweight "Jamin" Jeff Thompson came in as a cruiserweight at 187¾ and took on Andre Crowder, 190¼, Lima, Ohio, and carried every scorecard except one in winning a six- round majority decision, 60-54, 60-54, 57-57. Southpaw Thompson is now 6-0 as a pro.

Hard hitting Courtney Hooper, 136½, Detroit, handled Bobby Van, 134¾, Capetown, South Africa, stopping him on cuts at 2:02 of the second. Hooper improves to 6-0. Van reportedly stands at 9-4.

An excellent match-up between two newcomers from Detroit had Richard Burden, 146¼, score a four-round majority decision over Dwayne Peterson, 137½. It was a very good clash, as Burden carried the edge 39-37, 40-36, with one even at 38-38. Both fighters were skilled and entertaining.

Phillip Fuller, 143, Detroit, moved his tally to 4-1 with a solid four-round decision over Daryl Richardson, 143¼, Virginia Beach. Fuller put the Virginian down in the third en route to a 40-35, 40-36, 40-36 verdict.

An all-Windsor light heavyweight showdown had Sam Bonadonna, 175½, stop Al York, 178¼, on cuts at 2:11 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Bonadonna is now 9-4.

A good card with an improving turnout. Morefield has quite a following and next month's card will have both Morefield and Steve Darnell on it. They should up their attendance again.
Ringside Promotions.
Matchmaker—Dutch Patberg.
Chief Inspector—Ted Kuzemka.
Referees—Hugh Smither, Marv MacDonald.
Judges—Rose Grable, Randy Ericson, Nafadi Jamee.
Ring Announcer—Wally Jackson.
(02-27-86)

DAVE HARTOON

MINNESOTA

▶MINNEAPOLIS—Riverview Supper Club—St. Paul middleweight David McCall knocked out last minute sub Jesse Abrams of Des Moines in 2:30 of the fifth round. McCall is now 5-1-0. Abrams is 6-23-1.

Light heavyweight Willie Mayberry, Duluth, TKO'd St. Paul's Jack Basting at 1:43 of the third season. A cut eye forced the stoppage. Mayberry is now 5-0-1. Basting is 3-1-0.

Mario Rivera, Minneapolis, outscored 35-year-old Terry (Tex) Chrapko, Minneapolis, four, featherweights. Rivera is now 2-0-0. Chrapko, who had not fought in 10 years, is 4-7-2.

Two four-round exhibitions rounded out the show. Rocky McCaleb of Rochester sparred with Don Askew of Minneapolis and Anthony Moon of Minneapolis boxed with Jerry Cody of LaCrosse.
Promoter—Bobby Hickman (Friends of Youth Boxing).
Referee—Danny Nelson.
Judges—Leroy Benson, Chuck Hales.
Attendance—150 (estimated).
(02-03-86)

GEORGE D. BLAIR

NEW JERSEY

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel-Casino—A late sub was beaten by an even later one in this make-shift main event. Philadelphian Steve Little, 146, taking the scheduled 10-round bout on less than 24 hours' notice, won over one week sub Lloyd Taylor, 145½, Washington, D.C.

The end came after round seven when Taylor was retired by the night by ring physician Stanley Rogers. It goes into the books as a seventh round TKO win for Little.

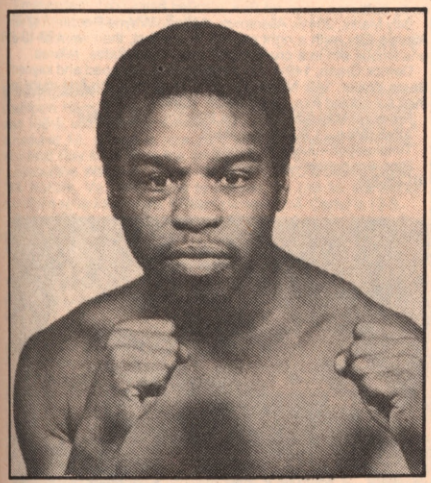
It was a fairly even contest through the fourth round, even with Taylor visiting the canvas compliments of a straight left from the swich hitting Litte in round two. Steve had Lloyd taking a standing eight-count in the fifth and even though Taylor was pressing matters, a number of cuts around his eyes made it medically incorrect for him to continue. To add insult to injury, referee Steve Smoger had taken round seven from him for repeated low blows.

Matt Farrago, 158½, Syracuse, N.Y., won by TKO at 0:16 of round two over Ron Malek, 153½, Wichita, Kansas. While there was no knockdown, Malek was stunned by a single left hook and driven back to the ropes—where Farrago opened up on him. It was then that referee Rudy Battle halted this scheduled eight.

Jose Neris, 110¼, Atlantic City, won a four-round majority decision over Ricky Diaz, 111¾, Philadelphia, in a good action bout. Steve Smoger, referee.

Juan G. Alvarado, 124½, Dover, N.J., took a hard fought and entertaining eight-round unanimous over Steve Mistretta, 125, Palmerton, Pa. All the cards were 4-2. *The Ring* tabbled it even in rounds but gave the points edge to Alvarado due to his two knockdowns of Steve in rounds one and three.

Judges—Eugee Grant, Richard Strange, John Poturaj.
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Promoters—Elbaum and Menas.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(12-17-85)



Former world junior lightweight champion Rocky Lockridge feasted on mismatched Fernando Segura for a fourth-round knockout in Atlantic City.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel-Casino**—In what could pass as the worst mismatch of the year in A.C., former world junior lightweight champion Rocky Lockridge, 130¾, Mt. Laurel, N.J., was fed a soon poor, hapless, and inoffensive Mexican by the name of Fernando Segura, 130, Mexico City.

Playing extra safe with one of their stars as he marks time to a shot at getting his old title back, the promoter saw fit to bring in a punching bag. Hey, they already had the TV time and casino deal in pocket, so just push it by the commission (Segura did have a notarized 19-2 record sheet from the Mexican officials) and move on to other business.

Eager to please his employers, Segura did so little in rounds one and two that, even without a knockdown or standing eight-count, *The Ring* gave Lockridge both sessions by scores of 5-3—lopsided indeed. Rocky was sharp and Fernando was busy looking for a hide-a-way rather than putting something together himself.

Midway through round three, Segura went down from a left hook and it was a perfect time for ref Joe O'Neil to end everyone's misery. Joe was no good guy here as he let it go on. Segura got dumped again just before the end of the third from glancing blows.

Fernando was somehow allowed out (even after a visit by the ring doctor) for the fourth, but was immediately dropped and it was all over at the 0:16 mark in this scheduled 10.

Lockridge and the fans deserved better. Rocky is world class and shouldn't be dragged down to this level. The fans, at least those who didn't get casino freebies, got very little for their dollar in this match-up.

Mike Phelps, 120, Galena Park, Tex., won a hard fought six-round split decision over Juan Muriel, 121, Bronx, N.Y. It was even after four, but Phelps finished strongly as *The Ring* tabbed him a 4-2 winner. Scores: Eva Shain, 4-2, and Milo Savage, 3-2-1, both for Phelps; Lynn Carter saw it 4-2 Muriel. Steve Smoger, referee.

In a mild upset, Willard (Pop) Nance, 178, Trenton, N.J., took a six-round unanimous decision over Grady (Thriller) Smith, 170, Jacksonville Beach, Fla. Smith was 8-0-1 going in, draw coming against Nance earlier in 1985. This time, Nance, listed as 12-5, but probably not more than a 50-50 fighter, took control early, hung tough in the third, fourth and fifth, and then reloaded for a "bombs away" sixth.

Smith was dropped late in round one by a left hook and looked out of it at that point, but he stayed in the thick of it right down to the wire. Scores: Shain, 4-2; Savage, 4-1-1; Carter, 3-3, but 27-26 in points. *The Ring* had it 3-2-1, Nance. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Esau Staley, 146, Trenton, N.J., didn't let a standing eight-count against him in round two get in the way of his four-round split decision over Richard (Rip) Rettig, 144½, Bayonne, N.J. *The Ring* agreed with Shain and Savage, both of whom had it 3-1, Staley. Carter saw it 3-1 for Rettig. Steve Smoger, referee.

The pro debut of John Stephenson, 158¼, Brooklyn, N.Y., was a smash hit, as he put away Eddie Sanchez, 162¼, Puerto Rico, at just 0:56 of the first round in a scheduled four. Sanchez was down just once, as he offered little resistance. Steve Smoger, referee.

Timekeeper—Rosevelt Gilbert.
Main Events, Inc.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(12-18-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel-Casino**—Being a substitute for a substitute can lead to obvious mismatches, this one being no exception.

Chris Reid, 171, Little Silver, N.J., TKO'd Maurice Moore, 172¾, Lincolnton, N.C., at just 2:21 of the first round in a scheduled 10-rounder. Moore offered little resistance.

Moore was brought in two days before the bout. His best qualification was that he had undergone all the necessary medical tests demanded by the New Jersey Athletic Control Board, according to matchmaker Johnny Bos. This did not, of course, mean that he wold be at all competitive.

Dropped once, Moore, taking a pounding on the ropes, was about to go down again when referee Joe Cortez leaped in to stop it.

In an even quicker semi, Tony (Dr. Detroit) Montgomery, 154, Detroit, TKO'd Steve Johnson, 155½, Philadelphia, at 0:31 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Tony came right out and drilled home a single right hand that dumped a shocked Johnson on the canvas. He got up, but never recovered, and was wobbled by the same punch and then put down quickly with yet another right, whereupon ref Ted Pick didn't even bother to start a count.

Felix Santiago, 142¾, Brooklyn, N.Y., continued unbeaten (now 13-0-1 with 10 kayoes) with a K.O. win over Mike Hutcherson, 143½, Akron, Ohio, at 1:50 of round two in a scheduled eight. The taller Hutcherson backed away the entire time and was never really in the bout. A double left hook, followed by a single right hand, put Mike down, and referee Pick didn't even bother to complete the count.

Floyd Favors, 131, Capitol Heights, Md., won a so-so unanimous six-round decision over Angel Gonzalez (a/k/a Levi Elbaum), 131¼, Philadelphia. Gonzalez did get bloodied up somewhat, but little else happened in thisone. Scores: Tommy Kaczmarek, 4-1-1; Phil Newman, 4-2; John Stewart, 5-1—same as *The Ring*. Joe Cortez, referee.

Rip Rettig, 148, Bayonne, N.J., posted a four-round shutout on all three cards over the reluctant Ormand Lewis, 152, New York. The stocky Lewis tasted a stinging right in round one, and from there on in, did little except survive. Joe Cortez, referee.

Timekeeper—Art Spell.
Main Events, Inc.
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(02-05-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel-Casino**—In somewhat of an upset, unheralded Juan Alonso Villa, 147¾, Guadalajara, Mexico, TKO'd house favorite Mike Picciotti, 146¼, Ridley Park, Pa., at 0:58 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10.

It was a rugged and brutally pleasing match, suspenseful to the end. That came when chief ringside physician Dr. Charles Dogget was summoned by referee Rudy Battle to check out the left eye of Picciotti. It had closed completely in less than two full rounds from what appeared to be a single jab.

Picciotti started strongly, and even though he won the first two rounds—sweeping them on all three cards—was never the same after dropping Villa with a solo left hook early in the second. Over anxious, Mike spent himself, trying for the quick kill. Juan turned it around later that same round and put Picciotti in serious trouble on the ropes.

From then on, Villa slowly took control. More and more, Mike lost close rounds by standing against the ropes and thereby blowing early leads as last minute vollies by Villa took points. Juan was breathing fire, while Mike appeared ready for the hook.

Amazingly, even if it looked hopeless for Mike going into that ninth round, two of the judges felt otherwise. At that point on their cards, Villa may have had the momentum (he swept the eighth) but Picciotti still had the lead. Frank Cairo had it 5-3, while Frank Brunette saw it 4-3-1. Rich Strange agreed with *The Ring*, giving one and two to Mike, but all the rest to Villa.

In a companion 10, Tony Thornton, 162, Glassboro, N.J., went to 12-0 with 11 kayoes when he did just that to southpaw Cecil Pettigrew, 162½, Tulsa, Okla., at 0:26 of the final round.

Though far ahead, the inexperienced Thornton did have a willing and tricky opponent in front of him. Tony just kept on pressing the issue until that wicked right-left-right put Cecil down and virtually out, as referee Tony Perez didn't even bother to issue a count.

Johnny Carter, 121, Philadelphia, came somewhat physically unprepared and got himself a more-than-bargained-for workout from the scrappy Juan Muriel, 123¾, a native of Puerto Rico, but now residing in New York. Johnny took the eight-round unanimous decision by scores of 7-1 from both Frank Cairo and Frank Brunette, and a closer to the truth 5-2-1 from Richard Strange.

Cut on the corner of the right eye and given a standing eight-count—both in round two—Muriel fought his way back to respectability throughout the remaining rounds. Rudy Battle, referee.

John (Buckwheat) Farina, 121¼, Ardmore, Pa., and Sammy Ruiz, 123¾, Monticello, N.Y., fought to a fast paced six-round draw. Scores: Brunette, 3-2-1, Ruiz; Strange, 3-2-1, Farina; Cairo, 3-3. Tony Perez, referee. Ruiz has had eight pro bouts, four of which have ended in draws.

Ali Bey, 158, Wilmington, Dela., knocked down southpaw Sidney Outlaw, also 158, Philadelphia, in the third round and that was the slim difference in their six-rounder. Bey got the split decision because both Cairo and Brunette had it 3-3 but 27-26 in points to Bey. Strange saw it 4-2 in rounds for Outlaw. Tony Perez, referee.

Timekeeper—Art Spell.
Promoter—Peltz/Tiger Eye/Sands.
(02-07-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel-Casino**—Using his physical advantages and youthful legs, Kevin (Killer) Watts, 159¼, Pleasantville, N.J., turned tiger when he had to for a fast paced 10-round split decision over James (Hardrock) Green,

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This Mutt and Jeff pairing also saw Watts utlize some strength and holds born of his days as a high school wrestler to more or less come to a stand off when in close with the stocky Green. Tentative at first, Kevin stayed on the perimeter, but then began to realize he had what it took to mix it up with his more seasoned foe.

His biggest moment came in the fourth when he staggered Green and drove him back to the ropes. There, however, James showed his experience and managed to tough it out and actually dig down to do his best work in the next two rounds. Watts took control again in round seven and only a last round charge by Green kept it close.

Said Watts afterward, "It was a good, strong fight against a guy who withstood a lot of good shots and fought tough."

Scores: Ted Larve, 7-1-2, and Gene Grant, 7-3 for Watts, while John Poturaj had it 6-4 for Green. *The Ring* had it 6-4 Watts, giving him rounds one, three, four, seven, eight, and nine. Steve Smoger, referee.

The six-foot, one-inch Watts is now 14-1 with eight kayoes, while the five-foot, five-inch Green fell to 20-6-1, with 13 knockouts.

Ivan Montalvo, 146½, Newark, N.J., won a six-round majority decision over Keith Corbett, 146¾, Camden, N.J. There were no knockdowns but plenty of solid punches by both. Montalvo took this hard fought contest by scores of 5-0-1 by Larve, 5-1 from Poturaj; while Grant had it 3-3. *The Ring* saw it 4-2 for Montalvo. Paul Venti, referee.

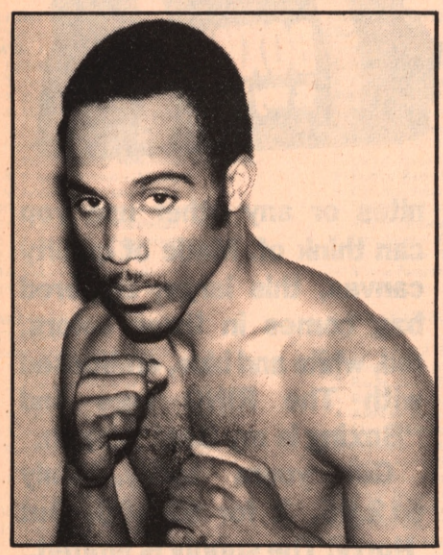
In another pleasing bout, Larry Cheatham, 112¼, gained a six-round unanimous decision over fellow Philadelphian Ricky Diaz, also 112¼. Larry seemed to have the edge in the power department, but Diaz stuck it out and made Larry earn it. Scores: Larve, 5-0-1; Poturaj, 4-2, Grant, 5-1. *The Ring* card had it for Cheatham, 4-1-1. Paul Venti, referee.

Two scheduled fours opened the show, with all four participants making their pro debuts.

John Salas, 162½, Haddonfield, N.J., won a majority decision over Todd Davis, 164¼, Monticello, N.Y. The difference here was a knockdown of Davis in round three; he then proceeded to run out of effort. Paul Venti, referee.

Vinnie Burgese, 140, Philadelphia, had no trouble with southpaw Bruce Jackson, 132, Monticello, N.Y., winning by knockout in 1:08 of the first round. There was just the one knockdown, as ref Smoger did the wise thing and didn't even bother to count. Jackson was simply outclassed by the smooth punching (especially to the body) Burgese.

Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Promoters—Elbaum and Menas.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(02-11-86)



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James (Buddy) McGirt raised his pro record to 23-0-1 (20 kayoes) with an easy 10-round decision over Joey Ferrell at the Trump Casino Hotel.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Casino Hotel**—James (Buddy) McGirt, 141, Brentwood, N.Y., easily but conservatively defeated Joey (Bugsy) Ferrell, 140½, Clementon, N.J. over 10 unanimous rounds. How unanimous was it? Alas, poor Joey got shut out on all three official cards, as well as that of *The Ring*. Tommy Kaczmarek, John Stewart and Al DeVito all had it 10-0.

McGirt never really extended himself. He never looked for the big finisher. Nothing fancy, just some pretty three-punch combinations. As for Joey, he wasn't right at all. Where oh where did he leave his fight? While he was never off his feet or hurt, he sure as hell had the pride beat out of him. Even his usually effective switch hitting tactics failed him this time. Joe Cortez, referee.

Brian Baronet, 141, South Africa, came to live in Philadelphia late last year, in order to get some first class training. Well, either he listens up or he better go home. Six-round prelim boxer Rodney Moore, 140½, Philadelphia, gave Brian all he wanted and more before wilting in the last two rounds. Had it ended after eight, Moore would have gotten a majority decision.

As it was, the final scoring was split for this 10-rounder. While Kazcmarek had it 5-4-1, and DeVito 6-4, both for Brian; Stewart saw it 6-3-1 for Moore. All three gave Baronet rounds nine and 10. *The Ring* had it 5-3-2 for Baronet.

Moore boxed nicely early on, his faster hands and longer reach standing him in good stead. Brian, however, kept plugging away and disregarding a cut on the left eye in round seven, finished with his mind set on victory. Give him credit for that. Tony Orlando, referee.

Alphonso Bailey, 154¼, Paterson, N.J., received a six-round unanimous decision over Fred (Funk) Johnson, 154¼, New York. Unanimous? Not to many of the fans in attendance, nor to *The Ring*, which scored it for Johnson, 3-2-1. The official cards read 3-2-1 for Bailey by Stewart and DeVito, and 4-2 by Kazcmarek. Tony Orlando, referee.

Grady (Thriller) Smith, 171¼, formerly of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., but now boxing out of Philadelphia, won a four-round unanimous decision over Osley Silas, 171¼, Ft. Washington, Md. This was cut back from a six because of (you guessed it) television. Joe Cortez, referee.

Mickey Ward, 142¼, Lowell, Mass., produced the only knockdowns of the night when he twice deposited switch-hitting showboat Jesus Velez, 144¼, Dover, N.J., on the canvas in the sixth and final round. It was ruled a K.O. win at 2:02 when referee Orlando rescued Velez rather then go through the unnecessary count; Velez was out before he reached the deck. Round five had been taken away from Velez for holding and hitting.

Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmakers—Teddy Brenner, Bruce Trampler.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(02-21-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Hotel-Casino**—Sammy Fuentes, 138¼, Puerto Rico, had an easy time of it as he disposed of game but outgunned Marvin Garris, 138¼, Philadelphia, at 2:12 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Poor Marvin took a beating all the way, as Sammy never let him relax. Garris received a standing eight-count in both the third and fourth rounds from referee Vinnie Rainone.

Henry Milligan, 181¼, Wilmington, Dela., had some rough moments in his scheduled eight before stopping Willard (Pop) Nance, 181, Trenton, N.J., at 0:30 of round six. They battled on even terms the first four rounds, but in the fifth Nance got a standing eight count. Many complained about the somewhat quick stoppage by referee Joe O'Neil, but better safe than sorry.

Comebacking Eddie Belfiore, 159¼, New York, scored a no-knockdown four-round majority decision over De De Young, 165¼, Brooklyn, N.Y. Round two was taken away from Young by ref Rainone for butting.

An action opening bout saw Atilano Quinones, 124½, Puerto Rico, take a six-round unanimous decision over Juan Glenn Alvarado, 125¾, Dover, N.J. The opening three rounds were especially fast paced. Vinnie Rainone, referee. Scores: Charlie Spina and Richard F. Murry, both 6-0; Joe Pasquale had it 5-1. *The Ring* saw it 4-2, Quinones.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Top Rank, Inc.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(02-14-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel-Casino**—It's now or never for former WBA junior welterweight champion Johnny (Bump City) Bumphus. Johnny, weighing 148 and now boxing out of Mt. Laurel, N.J., got his umpteenth soft-touch comeback win when he TKO'd the very ordinary J.D. Dobbins, 145, No. Little Rock, Arkansas, at 1:33 of round three in a scheduled 10.

This one was a duck shoot from the start. Johnny pulled out all his slick southpaw moves and then some. Poor J.D. was away from his home and out of his league. While there were no knockdowns scored, and Dobbins was never "on the ropes," referee Paul Venti had little choice but to halt matters in the interest of fair play. (Fair play would never have allowed this pathetic mismatch to take place in the first place.) Dobbins' right eye was cut in round two.

Tall switch hitting George Leech, 141½, Hillcrest Heights, Md., took home a well deserved eight-round split decision over Anthony Andrews, 142, Brooklyn, N.Y. Scores: Eugene Grant, 5-3, Leech; Ted Larve, 4-2-2, Leech; John Potujai, 4-3-1, Andrews, who was making only his second start in the United States after coming here from Guyana. The referee was Ted Pick. This was a good action bout, and calls for a second time around.

John-John Molina, 126, Fajardo, P.R., turned pro with a hard fought four-round majority decision over Job Walters, 126, Long Beach, N.Y. Scores: Larve, 3-0-1; Grant, 3-1; Potujai, 2-2. Ted Pick, referee.

Mike Peoples, 149½, Monticello, N.Y., took a six-round unanimous decision over Richard Quiles, 151, Brooklyn, N.Y. Grant and Potujai agreed at 5-1, while Larve saw it 3-2-1. Ted Pick, referee.

Ray Valez, 141½, New York, TKO'd Esau Staley, 141½, Trenton, N.J., at 1:04 of round two in a scheduled six. Staley was down twice in that round. Paul Venti, referee.

Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Main Events, Inc.
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Ring Announcer—Dick Landis.
(02-25-86)

JACK OBERMAYER

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Rickey Parkey, 187½, Morristown, Tenn., nonchalanted his way to an unpopular cut-eye TKO over Carlos Hernandez, 190¾, Union City, N.J., at 1:55 of the seventh in a scheduled 10. The bout was a cat-and-mouse game, made interesting by the enthusiasm of club-fighter Hernandez' fans. A former clumsy brawler who has attempted to turn boxer since slimming down, Carlos tried to put everything into executing the perfect one-two. He did manage to rattle Parkey on several occasions, but spent most of the time in between doing little else but setting up. Meanwhile, Parkey poked out unspectacular punches, like a cat with a ball, cutting Carlos' left eye as early as the second. After six, Parkey held the narrowest of leads, 6-0 on Richard F. Murry's card, but only 3-2-1 on Milo Savage's; Joe Pasquale had Carlos ahead, 4-2. Realizing he was painting himself into a corner, Parkey stepped up the pace in the seventh, battering Hernandez until referee Ted Pick called in the doctor, who advised an angrily booed stoppage.

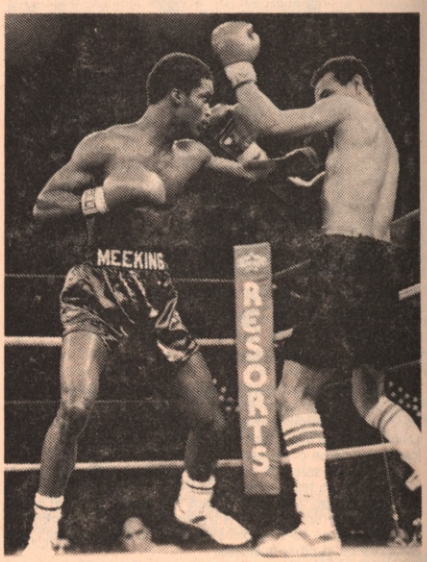
Michael Green, 123, Plainfield, proved too slick for game slugger Steve Mistretta, 124¾, Palmerton, Pa., in winning a unanimous verdict, six. Mistretta took a bad beating, was dropped and saved by the bell in the third. Rudy Battle, referee.

In a wild and woolly clash of behemoths, debuting Kenneth McClain, 243¼, Trenton, exposed touted but inept Tom Bacon, 255½, Gray, Tenn., via Philadelphia, with a TKO at 2:09 of the first round in a scheduled four. Bacon was dropped by the first punch of the fight, flailed desperately to save himself, but was badly batttered when ref Pick rescued him.

Billy Marks, 204½, Allentown, dropped Wayne Perdue, 197¼, Atlantic City, with a right counter in the first, then went on to a unanimous win in a crude brawl, four. Rudy Battle, referee.

Derrick Green, 149½, Hagerstown, Md., dropped and kayoed Bruce Waller, 149, Monticello, N.Y., in 1:26 of the first round in their scheduled four. Rudy Battle, referee.

Promoter/Matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1,800 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(01-28-86)



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John Wesley Meekins (left) backs up Juan Ramon Santana on his way to unanimous 10-round decision in Atlantic City.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l.**—Two of the favorites here met in a hot local rivalry, with John Wesley Meekins, 141, New York, gaining a unanimous win over Juan Ramon Santana, 141½, Camden, in a close, action packed 10. The classier Meekins figured to have no trouble nailing the bulldozer Santana on the way in, but then have to face the problem of shutting him down on the inside. If the Puerto Rican could stay in the New Yorker's chest and back him up, he was figured to have a shot at an upset. But Meekins fooled everyone by meeting Santana head-on, and outfighting him at his own game in the early rounds. John Wesley showed not only sharper hands, but a surprising edge in strength, as Santana was unable to move him in crackling exchanges.

But Juan Ramon's best asset, determination, didn't desert him. When Meekins' edge in strength began to fade in the fifth, fans knew they'd see a fight after all. Santana took over on sheer fury in the middle rounds, but with both fighters tiring in the stretch, it became a test of nerve. Meekins' superior ability put him back in command, and he started the 10th with a blaze. Santana came back to stun him, before John recovered with another rally to the final bell. The scoring made it seem there'd been no fight: Ray Hoagland, 7-3, and Frank Brunette, 8-2, with Milo Savage a more reasonable 5-3-2. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

When Henry Milligan, a hot ticket seller who leads the city in casino buses filled, yet has a suspect chin and defense, signed to fight tough Lionel Byarm, ringsiders were incredulous. But Henry had sparred with Lionel, and his management apparently "knew something." When Byarm, 185½, Philadelphia, dipped and lowered his left to bring his right over the top, Milligan, 184½, Wilmington, beat him to the punch with a short right cross, and dropped him in the first. Time and again, the move worked, as the rock-jawed Byarm was floored again in the second, and took a savage beating. At the end of the fourth, Lionel stood center ring and gazed emptily about, apparently no longer aware of what was going on. He came out for the fifth, but referee Steve

Smoger stopped the scheduled eight at 0:45 of the round.

A rare matchup of opponent types, with records barely over .500, proved a surprise in both action and outcome. In what was expected to be a stinker between two cautious boxers, a regenerated Fred Pendleton, 145¼, Philadelphia, dismantled an apparently used-up Roberto (Sugar) Mendez, 145¾, Trenton, for a TKO at 1:55 of the eighth and final round. Substituting precision punching for raw power, Pendleton gave Mendez a brutal beating, rocking him again and again, until ref Cappuccino stopped it.

Mickey Ward, 143½, Lowell, Mass., outmauled Mike Peoples, 146¾, Monticello, N.Y., for a unanimous win in a sloppy four. Steve Smoger, referee.

Southpaw Cedric Mingo, 126½, Brockton, edged out a split decision over Sammy Ruiz, 124½, Monticello, four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—1,000 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(01-24-86)

J.R. JOWETT

OHIO

▶**BOARDMAN—Mr. Anthony's**—Former IBF lightweight champion Harry Arroyo, 138½, TKO'd late sub Leo Simmons, also 138½, who failed to answer the bell for the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Arroyo is now 29-2 with 22 kayoes. Simmons, who beat Ray Mancini in the amateurs, is 9-6.

Sanderline Williams, 162½, Cleveland, TKO'd Jesse Carter, 158, Norfolk, Va., who failed to answer the bell for the fourth round of a scheduled eight. Williams is now 17-4. Carter is 13-9.

Ozzie O'Neal, 144, Youngstown, Ohio, won a unanimous decision over Kenny Smith, 142½, Detroit, six. O'Neal is now 10-3-1. Smith is 4-12.

Jeff Thompson, 192, Detroit, TKO'd Earl Lewis, 196, Youngstown, who failed to answer the bell for the second round of their scheduled six. Thompson is now 5-0 with four kayoes. Lewis is 7-4-1.

Roland Commings, 131, Youngstown, won a unanimous decision over Jim Giamballuca, 136, Buffalo, six. Commings is now 4-0. Giamballuca is 6-7.

Hugh Leggett, 136, Buffalo, won a split decision over Tony Pollo, 141, Struthers, Ohio, four. Leggett is now 2-0.

Dave Lozado, 154, Youngstown, TKO'd Sidney White, 156¾, at 2:34 of the first round in their scheduled four. Lozado is now 2-0. White suffered his third one-round kayo loss in as many bouts.

Referees—Pete Rademacher, Joe Lorenzo.
Judges—Tim Figley, Billy Tanner, John Marino.
Timekeeper—Jack DeSarro.
Ring Announcer—Bob Roth.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. A. DiDomenico, Dr. Joseph Logan.
Alessi Promotions/TKO Productions.
Matchmakers—Brad Jacobs, Tom Vacca.
Attendance—1,100.
USA Cable TV Network.
TV Commentators—Al Albert, Randy Gordon.
(02-04-86)

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—Vaugn Hooks, 175, West Philadelphia, had an easy workout knocking out Hector (Tito) Rosario, 175, New York in 2:53 of the second in a scheduled eight. Hooks' jab had the right eye of the one-time spoiler, now slipped to the role of survivor, puffing almost from the start. In the second, a vicious left hook busted the swelling open, with Rosario turning away in pain and seeking refuge on the canvas. Half blinded by blood running into the eye, Rosario was unable to compose himself in time to beat referee Ozzie Sadler's count.

In a spirited local rivalry, Anthony Boyle, 126, Kensington, garnered a split decision over "New" Mike Brown, 129, North Philadelphia, six. Though Brown proved a tough counterpuncher, Boyle kept up a relentless attack, and "made" the fight. The one vote for Mike seemed uncalled for. Tommy Reid, referee.

Ed Priester, 161, North Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over John France, 160, "Fishtown," in an action six. France was gunned down twice in the second, yet got up and gave it a college try to the wire. Tommy Reid, referee.

Robert Hill, 197, South Philadelphia, edged out a majority verdict over Sixto Maldonado, 195, North Philadelphia, in rugged infighting, six. Maldonado seemed to be gaining command as Robert tired, but allowed a bouncy Hill to "steal" it in the final round. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

Tony Martin, 140, North Philadelphia, was just too good in battering a game Luis Mejias, 145½, San Juan, for a unanimous win in a one-sided six. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

Kevin Bucceroni, 204, Pine Run, N.J., survived a right-hand bomb in the second to wear out a muscle-bound Darrell Rister, 191, North Philadelphia, and notch a unanimous win, four. Tommy Reid, referee.

Peltz Boxing Promotions.
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—1,400, $16,000 (estimated).
Judges—Lynne Carter, Joe O'Neill, Manny Altman.
Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.
Ring Announcer—Hank Kropinski.
(02-18-86)

J.R. JOWETT

TENNESSEE

▶**MEMPHIS—New Daisy Theatre**—Knox Brown, 160, Memphis, TKO'd Frank Albert, 167, Omaha, Nebraska, at 2:06 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Brown is now 15-3-1. Albert is 15-7.

Mark Allman, 155, and Rocky Trampler, 160, Omaha, drew, six. Allman was dropped in the first.

Walter Ivory, 157, won a close but unanimous decision over Reggie Barnes, 150, Millington Naval Air Station, six. Barnes was knocked down in the first and second rounds.

Mark Gardner, 148, made his pro debut by stopping Willie Lee Johnson, 142, Memphis, at 0:52 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Paul Thorn, 154, Tupelo, Miss., won a unanimous decision over Bruce Card, 163, Memphis, four.

Chuck Glover, 143, Covington, Tenn., won a unanimous decision over Memphis veteran Sam (Macho) Black, 136, in the four-round opener.

Referees—Jim Kidd, Sam Garland, Jim Tucker.
Judges—Sam Garland, Gilbert Beam, C.B. Smith, Haywood Watts, Bob McCullough, Ken Roach.
Timekeeper—Ron Cardoni.
Ring Announcer—Sleepy Rutherford.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Joseph Wilhite.
Promoter—Tom Harmon.
Matchmaker—Red Fortner.
Attendance—550 (estimated).
(02-04-86)

MICHAEL GLENN

CANADA

ONTARIO

▶**TORONTO—St. Lawrence Market**—Canadian lightweight champion Remo DiCarlo, 136½, Toronto, won a unanimous (99-92, 99-91, 99-95) decision over John Wright, 132, Detroit, 10. This was a fast action fight.

John Kalbhenn, 142, Toronto, knocked out Evril Brady, 139, Toronto, with a right hand in 1:03 of the eighth and final round.

Razor Ruddock, 209, Toronto, kayoed Carlton Jones, 207, Cleveland, in 2:04 of the initial round of a scheduled six. Jones, who did not come to fight, has been indefinitely suspended by the Ontario Athletic Commission.

Guy Normandau, 160, St. Catharines, TKO'd Drew Brown, 165, Toronto, at 2:19 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Rick Fortuna, Toronto, and Edwillow Wright, Detroit, boxed a lively four-round exhibition.

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15. Raul Venturelli (Argentina)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
1. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
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3. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
4. Jose Maria Flores Burlon (Uruguay)
5. Marcos Geraldo (Mexico)
6. Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez (Mexico)
7. Narciso Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
8. Hector Rohr (Argentina)
9. Ramon Ronquillo (Mexico)
10. Jose Helguera (Argentina)
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12. Hector Ruben Zamaro (Argentina)
13. Jorge Dascola (Argentina)
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LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
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MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
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JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
2. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
3. Ramon (Potro) Ramos (Argentina)
4. Hugo Marinangeli (Argentina)
5. Carlos del Valle Herrera (Argentina)
6. Carlos Victor Velasquez (Argentina)
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15. Luis Primera (Venezuela)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
2. Pedro Vilella (Puerto Rico)
3. Jorge Vaca (Mexico)
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JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Ubaldo Sacco (Argentina)
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3. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
4. Reyes Antonio Cruz (Dominican Rep.)
5. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
6. Irleis (Cubanito) Perez (Cuba)
7. Juan Martin Coggi (Argentina)
8. Lorenzo Garcia (Argentina)
9. Ramon Jara (Argentina)
10. Adolfo Arce Rossi (Argentina)
11. Rafael Williams (Panama)
12. Saul Julio (Colombia)
13. Juan B. Rondon (Venezuela)
14. Orlando Orozco (Venezuela)
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LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Hector Camacho (Puerto Rico)
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3. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
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5. Jorge Alvarado (Panama)
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14. Alberto Mercedes Cortes (Argentina)
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JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
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2. Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
3. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
4. Alfredo Layne (Panama)
5. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Francisco Tomas Da Cruz (Brazil)
7. Francisco Fernandez (Panama)
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12. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
13. Pedro Armando Gutierrez (Argentina)
14. Daniel Londas (Martinique)
15. Edgar Castro (Venezuela)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Eusebio Pedroza (Panama)
2. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)
3. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
4. Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
5. Juan LaPorte (Puerto Rico)
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15. Ruben Dario Palacio (Colombia)

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1. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
2. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
3. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
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1. Santos Laciar (Argentina)
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FLYWEIGHTS
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
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Promoter—Benny D'Amico. Attendance—800 (est.).
(02-26-86)

QUEBEC

▶MONTREAL—Paul Sayve Arena—Matthew Hilton, 154½, Montreal, scored the biggest win of his career by knocking out former triple champion Wilfred Benitez, 152½, Puerto Rico, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.

Jackie Beard, 130, Detroit, TKO'd Nedrae Simmons, 129¼, Toronto, at 2:32 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10.

Diamond Jim McDonald, 174½, Nashville, won a unanimous (100-91, 100-91, 100-92) decision over Alex Williamson, 213½, Reeces Corner, Va., eight.

Andy Formage, 117¼, Montreal, kayoed Gerry Moore, 163½, Cincinnati, in 2:56 of the first round in a scheduled six.

George Sponagle, 154, Prince George, B.C., stopped Jacques Deblois, 155¼, Verdun, at 1:09 of the fourth round in their scheduled six.

Stewart Hilton, 135, Montreal, won a unanimous decision over Hugh Legget, 137, Detroit, four.

Referees—Simpson, Crivello, Jutras, Doutre.
Judges—Groulx, Labelle, Montpetit, Miron, Lapointe.
Timekeepers—O. Marchessault, N. Nichilo.
Ring Announcer—R. Rivest.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. P. Meunier, Dr. A.L. Kiss.
Promoter—Henri Spitzer.
Attendance—4,757.
(02-15-86)

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SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▶MAR DEL PLATA—José Ludueña outpointed José Magariños, ten, welters.
(01-03-85)

▶DAIREAUX—In an excellent performance, Faustino Barrios outpointed Alberto Aragón in 12 rounds to retain his Argentine junior lightweight title.
(01-04-85)

▶MAR DE AJO—Miguel Canedo outclassed José Flores, ten, junior lightweights.
(01-08-85)

▶MAR DEL PLATA—Argentine and South American welterweight champion Ramón Abeldaño halted Chilean Manuel Roca in the first round of a non-title bout.
(01-10-85)

▶SALTA—Esteban Bustos outpointed Alfredo Benavidez, ten, feathers.
(01-10-85)

▶SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY—Veteran Ramón Rodriguez and Rodolfo Durán drew, six, junior bantamweights.
(01-10-85)

▶POSADAS—Panamanian Jorge Pino drew with Jorge Abel Gonzalez, ten, welters.
(01-10-85)

▶GOBERNADOR GALVEZ—Los Anglees' Olympic middleweight, Hugo Corti, kayoed Uruguayan Daniel González in the sixth.
(01-10-85)

▶MAR DE AJO—Enrique Areco halted Bautista Romero in six, welters.
(01-15-85)

▶SALTA—Salta State junior welterweight champion Héctor Vilte drew with Chilean Rafael Prieto, ten.
(01-16-85)

▶MAR DEL PLATA—Junior welterweight Adolfo Arce Rossi outpointed welter José Ludueña, ten.
(01-17-85)

▶MAR DEL PLATA—Marcelo Di Crocce and former Argentine and South American champion Hugo (Patoruzú) Luero drew, 10, welters.
(01-24-85)

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AUSTRIA

▶VIENNA—Jurgen Himmler and Zeljko Trsan drew, four, lightweights.
(11-22-85)

BELGIUM

▶IZEGEM—Unbeaten light heavyweight Yves Monsieur outscored Ahmed Laghlali, six.

Jimmy Gourad remained unbeaten by outpointing Salvatore Pisani, six, light welters.

Heavyweight Safir Dircubelle kayoed Siggi Kohler in the first round.

Benny Decroos outscored Romain Rodriguez, four, lightweights.

Gino DeGraeve outpointed Niyasi Aytekin, six, welterweights.

Luigi Ricci outscored Paul Wallijn, six, light heavies.
(11-01-85)

▶BELGRADE-ON-NAMUR—Junior welter Fabian Chapelle outpointed Brahim Smiraoui, six.
(11-08-85)

▶BINCHE—Welter Antonio Maggiodormo outpointed Abdel Karimalha, six.
(11-09-85)

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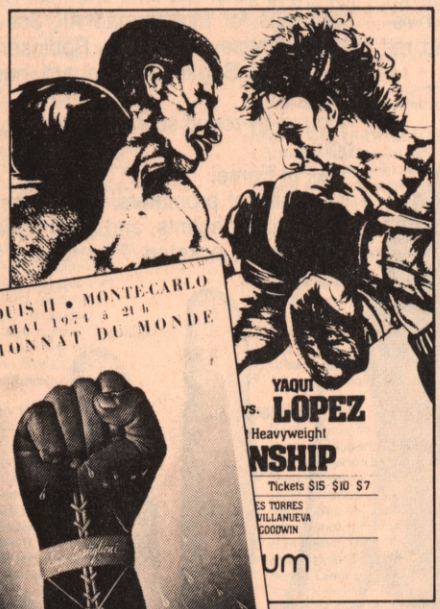

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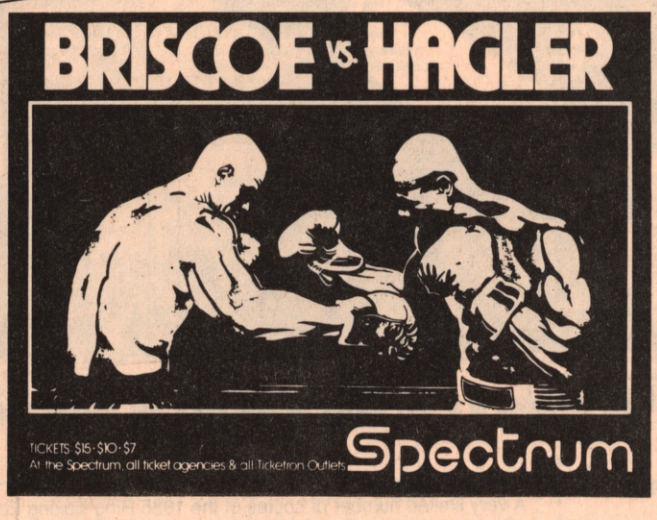

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▶**WOLVERTEM**—Junior middleweight prospect Gaston Cool kayoed Jimmy Gourad in round two.
(11-16-85)
▶**LA HESTRE**—Salvatore Pisani and Diego Martines drew, six, junior middles.
(11-22-85)
▶**IXELLES**—Yves Monsieur won again, outpointing Serge Bolivaro, six.
(11-30-85)
▶**LIEGE**—Veteran heavy Al Syben outpointed Ibelo Moano, eight.
Eric Taton and Abdel Karrimalha drew, six, light middles.
Mohamed Bouziani and Bechir Chaarane drew, six, middles.
Roberto Zorzetto kayoed Pedro Meziani in the third round, bantams.
Rene Dere outpointed veteran Austrian Esperno Postl, six, middles.
Luigi Ricci outscored Horst Schule, six, light heavies.
(12-02-85)
▶**TIENEN**—Salvatore Pisani outscored Diego Martines in a six-round return bout.
(12-06-85)
▶**GHENT**—Gino DeGraeve and Kid Taylor drew, six, welters.
Jesus Fernandez outpointed Dutchman Wim Thijssen, six, light middles.
Rachid Hadjeras outscored Fabian Chapelle, six, light welters.
(12-07-85)
▶**VILVOORDE—Gaston Cool stopped Niyazi Aytekin in two.**
(12-21-85)
▶**IZEGEM**—Over 3,000 fans turned out on Christmas Day to see Al Syben climb off the floor in the first round, take a good beating, and still get the decision over Safir Digibele.
Moussa Sangaree knocked out Mohamed Maalem with a right hand in the first round, featherweights.
Jesus Fernandez outscored Mohamed Bouziani, eight, light middles.
Benny Decroos stopped Mamoud Baradaran on cuts in the fifth round, lightweights.
Yves Monsieur made it six wins by outpointing Olivier Kemayau, six, light heavies.
Gino DeGraeve kayoed Gilbert Bayens in the first round, welters.
(12-25-85)
▶**IXELLES**—Yves Monsieur stopped Lachen M'Hamdi in four rounds for win number seven.
(01-18-86)

DENMARK

▶**COPENHAGEN**—Gert Bo Jacobsen warmed up for his shot at the European lightweight crown by stopping Nelson Trujillo in the 10th round. The Venezuelan southpaw fought well for the first six rounds, but was floored in the seventh and twice more in the last session.
Uganda's Mohammed Kawoya earned a shot at the European light welter title by outclassing the experienced Michel Giroud. The Swiss corner threw in the towel in the fifth round.
Curtis Jones flattened 6 ft. 6 in. former convict Mike Garrahan in 1:06 of the first round with an overhand right.
New York State welterweight champion Nelson (Rocky) Ortiz halted former amateur star Ace Rusevski in the sixth round.
Junior middleweight John Mortensen outscored Moktar Djelassi, six.
(12-07-85)

Previously unbeaten Rene Weller (above) lost the European lightweight title to Gert Bo Jacobsen via a cut-eye TKO in the eighth round of a controversial match in Randers.

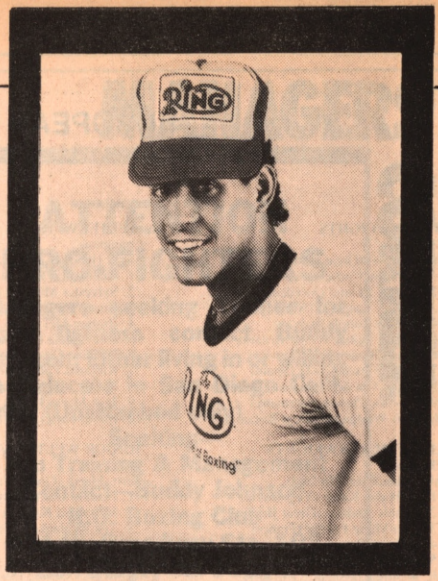
▶**RANDERS**—Gert Bo Jacobsen won the European lightweight title by stopping defending champion Rene Weller on a cut in the eighth session. The German camp bitterly protested the stoppage, which came at a time the bout was fairly even. Jacobsen was ahead on two official cards, with Weller leading on the other.
The cut, which required eight stitches, resulted from a clash of heads in the fifth round. It was win number 16 for the 24-year-old Jacobsen, and Weller's first loss after 32 wins and one draw.
Steffen Tangstad outpointed former European heavyweight champion Alfredo Evangelista. The loser sprained his ankle in round one.
Mohammed Kawoya outscored Raffael Paoletti, eight, light welters. Kawoya was down in round five.
World rated cruiserweight John Odhiambo halted Curtis Jones in six one-sided rounds.
(01-10-86)

FINLAND

▶**VASA**—The Seys brothers, Philippe and Jose, were both knocked out in the third rounds of their contests here. Philippe was crushed by Tarmo Uusivirta at middleweight.
Jose was stopped by Kenyan Patrick Lumumba, light heavies.
Belgium-based Spaniard Fernando Blanco outscored Tauno Lohtander in a lightweight six.
Former Olympian Veli Koota outpointed Rafael Blanco over four rounds, featherweights.
(11-24-85)

FRANCE

▶**TROYES**—Marc Grennerar outpointed Jean-Michel Riviere, six, light middles.
(10-05-85)
▶**QUEVERT**—Eloi Kiroffo outpointed Lionel Jean, six, bantams.
(10-12-85)
▶**ST. NAZAIRE**—Pascal Lorcy halted Marcel Denis in three, welters.
(10-12-85)
▶**TERGNIER**—Brahim Smiraoui outpointed Bruno Pate, six, welters.
(10-12-85)
▶**CLUSE**—Boudouani outscored Victor Amsoula, six, light welters.
(10-19-85)
▶**SEDAN**—Gilles Joly and Saubana drew, six, light welterweights.
(10-19-85)
▶**VANNES**—Pascal Lorcy outscored Alphonse Matoubela, six, welters.
Jean-Paul Guillard won by a disqualification over Eloi Kiroffo in six, flyweights.
Jean-Michel Allard and Jean-Michel Mauny drew, six, light middles.
(10-19-85)
▶**ST. MALO**—Alphonse Matoubela outscored Patrick Garcia, six, welters.
(10-26-85)
▶**LE MANS**—Jean-Paul Chartier outpointed Jean-Luc Lesourd, six, featherweights.
▶**CAPELLE-LA-GRANDE**—Kamel Touati outscored Pierre Tormos, six, light welters.
Eric Condette halted Patrice Delacour in five, welters.
(10-26-85)
▶**ROUEN**—Oliver Kemayou and Serge Bolivaro drew, six, light heavyweights.
(10-27-85)
▶**STRASBOURG**—Richard Bankeu outpointed Majid Harid, eight, welters.
Rodolphe Lavouiray and Patrick Beaudet drew, six, light welterweights.
(11-01-85)
▶**ST. BRIEUC**—Frank Lavise stopped Michel Martin in two, welters.
Georges Koffi outpointed Jean-Michel Allard, six, light middles.
(11-02-85)
▶**NEMOURS**—Carlos Martins outscored Jean Michel Loir, six, light middles.
(11-02-85)
▶**SALLANCHES**—Yves Bouudouani outpointed Alain Curti, six, light welters.
(11-02-85)
▶**THIONVILLE**—French heavyweight champion Dominique Nato knocked out Lupe Guerra in round two.
Pierre Kabassu outscored Jean-Max Delnard, eight, light heavies.
Majid Madhjoub outpointed Carmelo Nato, six, light welters.
(11-08-85)
▶**POINTE-A-PITRE**—Jean-Yves Piperol halted Robert Dormoy in round three, light middles.
(11-08-85)
▶**CALAIS**—Thierry Jacob outscored Eloi Kiroffo, six, bantams.
Brother Bruno Jacob outpointed Aarab, six, featherweights.
(11-09-85)
▶**GRENOBLE**—Former world title challenger Antoine Montero won a very close decision over British featherweight Peter Harris, eight.
Raymond Armand outpointed Jean-Paul Guiomarch, six, bantams.
(11-09-85)
▶**ST. MAUR**—Jean-Noel Terranova outscored Patrick Missa, six, welters.
Toufik Sehili outpointed Djamel Chebana, six, light heavies.
Jean-Marc Martinez outscored Rene Evangelista, six, lights.
(11-15-85)
▶**PARIS**—Mohamed Bouralah outpointed Jean-Christophe Vitu, six, welterweights.
Frank Veis outscored Kayina Awouitoh, six, middles.
(11-18-85)



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4. Richard Caramanolis (France)
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Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
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Jean-Marc Renard (Belgium)
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Jim McDonnell (Great Britain)
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2. Loris Stecca (Italy)
3. Valerio Nati (Italy)
4. Salvatore Bottiglieri (Italy)
5. Maurizio Stecca (Italy)
6. John Feeney (Great Britain)
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8. Robert Dickie (Great Britain)
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Champion
Ciro De Leva (Italy)
1. Antoine Montero (France)
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Champion
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3. Giampiero Pinna (Italy)
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6. Dave McAuley (Great Britain)
7. Agapito Gomez (Spain)
8. Charlie Brown (Great Britain)
9. Lorenzo Pacheco (Spain)
10. Mario Bitetto (Italy)

▶PASSAC—Karim Rabbi knocked out Abdel Marbi in the second round of their quarter-final national tournament bout.
(11-22-85)
▶ST. QUENTIN—Alain Cuvillier kayoed Djaffar Oulmi in round three, light middles.
Jean-Paul Roux stopped Claude Places in six, middles.
(11-22-85)
▶SALON-DE-PROVENCE—Abdou Ba outpointed Franck Ramada, six, lightweights.
Boubekeur Cherif stopped Gerard Severin in five, welters.
(11-22-85)
▶PARIS—Mustapha El Madi stopped Jean-Pierre Calvez on an arm injury in four.
Akim Zeroual outscored Djibril Diallo, six, middles.
(11-25-85)
▶FREJUS—Veteran Jose Rosemain outscored Aldo Curti, eight, in the quarter-finals of the national middleweight tournament.
(11-29-85)
▶PARIS—Mohamed Bourahla outpointed Victor Amsoula, six, middles.
(12-02-85)
▶POINTE-A-PITRE—yvon Segor outscored Jean-Yves Piperol in an eight-round national light welterweight tournament quarter-final bout.
(12-06-85)
▶CAYENNE—Local lightweight hero Romuald Vivies stopped Norredine Hamdani in the fifth round of a scheduled eight-round national junior lightweight tournament quarter-final bout.
(12-06-85)
▶BORDEAUX—Alain Simoes raised his record to 11-1 with a brilliant points win over former junior lightweight champion Michel Siracusa, eight. This was a national light welterweight tournament quarter-final bout.
Franck Veis and Alphonse Matoubela drew, six, light middles.
(12-06-85)
▶EICHIROLLES—Rene Jacquot scored an upset verdict over Helier Custos in an eight-round light middleweight quarter-final bout.
(12-06-85)
▶VILLEURBANNE—Thierry Galvan outscored Soyimi Soubana, six, lightweights.
Madjid Madjoub stopped Mohamed Ounes in round four.
(12-06-85)
▶CONDE-SUR-ESCAUT—Marc Armand kayoed Philippe Martin in the fifth round of a scheduled eight-round national featherweight tournament quarter-final bout.
(12-07-85)
▶MONTE-DE-MARSAN—Francis Aparicio outpointed Kacem Dehamla, six, featherweights.
Boudali Boughalen outscored Jean-Michel Loir, six, welters.
(12-07-85)
▶LES MUREAUX—Jean-Pierre Giraudet outpointed El Masnaoui, six, light welters.
(12-07-85)
▶L'HAY-LES-ROSES—Jean-Luc Lesourd and Luis Machuda drew, six, featherweights.
(12-07-85)
▶PARIS—Hakim Zeroual stopped Dusan Borota in the fourth round, middles.
Thierry Chiche outpointed Dusko Radosavlevic, six, lights.
(12-09-85)
▶RHEIMS—Damien Marignan outpointed Fred Voltine in an eight-round national heavyweight tournament quarter-final bout.
British heavyweight Dave Garside outscored former European champion Lucien Rodriguez, eight. Rodriguez, who celebrated his 34th birthday the same day this card was held, is now 39-11-1.
French lightweight champion Daniel Londas outpointed Vicente Jorge "Sendin" of Spain, eight.
Philippe Binante and Bruno Missa drew, six, light welters.
William Caribeaux outscored Patrick Missa, six, welters.
(12-13-85)
▶TOULON—Marc Ruocco stopped Frankie DeCaestecker on a bad cut in round two. Ruocco is now 24-0 with 21 stoppages. The cut was opened by a hard left hook.
Lumunba Chibamba halted Frederick Sellier on cuts in two.
(12-13-85)
▶ANTIBES—World rated light heavyweight Jean-Marie Emebe outscored Jonjo Greene, 10.
Middleweight Paul Tchoue raised his record to 21-2 by outpointing Jose Rosemain, eight.
Abdel Arik outscored Tony Vivarelli in an eight-round national light welterweight tournament quarter-final bout.
Ymed Kechiche outscored Serge Boymond, six, light welters.
(12-13-85)
▶NOEUX-LES-MINES—Jean-Marie Touati outscored Richard Bankeu in a national welterweight tournament quarter-final bout.
Cemal Touati stopped Jean-Marc Phegneux in round three, light welters.
(12-13-85)
▶MONTARGIS—Philippe Champion outpointed Jean-Jacques Francisque, six, middleweights.
(12-13-85)
▶CHANTILLY—Farid Benredjib outpointed Norbert Alcade, six, lightweights.
Klayima Awouitoh stopped Olivier Gervais in four.
Pierre Renout outpointed Hocine Arbaoui, heavies.
(12-14-85)
▶CALAIS—Thierry Jacob halted Jean-Paul Guillard in four.
Bruno Jacob halted Alphonse Rodriguez on a cut in six.
(12-14-85)
▶ANICHE—Roland Leclerq outscored Yvon Tatula, six, welters.
Rachid Hadjeras outpointed Daniel Yameogo, six, welterweights.
Cecilio Ramirez outscored Patrick Van Gaver, six, feathers.
(12-14-85)
▶PARIS—Gilles Coisne outpointed Shoyemi Saubana, six, welters.
Franck Veis outscored Djibril Diallo, six, middleweights.
(12-16-85)
▶BORDEAUX—Rufino Angulo outscored Ian Lazarus, eight, light heavyweights.
Abdel Abdi outpointed Mustapha El Mardi, six, middleweights.
Jean-Christophe Fournier outscored Thierry Warda, six, light welters.
(12-20-85)
▶ST. QUENTIN—Alain Cuvillier halted Mohamed Bouralha in the fourth round, welters.
Jean-Paul Roux outpointed Djibril Diallo, six, middles.
(01-10-86)
▶SIX FOURS—Ray Armand outpointed Jean-Paul Chartier, six, featherweights.
(01-10-86)
▶TOURCOING—Rachid Hadjeras outscored Amar Dahmoun, six, light welters.
(01-10-86)
▶PARIS—Mutualite Hall—Boxing returned to this venue after a 15-year absence as Pierre-Frank Winterstein kayoed Luigi Marini in round two, middles. Winterstein is now 35-1-1 with 28 stoppages.
Fernando Blanco outscored Thierry Chiche, six, lightweights.
Safi Hamani outpointed Saubana, six, lightweights.
Philippe Binante outscored Thierry Galvan, six, lights.
Former amateur star Pascal Lorcy outpointed Madjid Madjoub, six, welters.
Jean-Victor Santoncini and Ace Rusevski drew, eight, light middles. Santoncini is 35 years old.
(01-1-86)
▶VILLENAVE D'ORNON—Karim Rabbi kayoed Abdel Arik in the second round of their national light welterweight tournament semi-final bout.
Jean-Paul Chartier outscored Francis Aparacio, six.
(01-17-86)
▶PARIS—Jean-Pierre Giraudet and Jean-Michel Martinez drew, six, light welters.
(01-18-86)
▶PARIS—Rufino Angulo won a unanimous (79-77, 78-76, 79-77) decision over Jonjo Greene, eight.
(01-27-86)

ITALY

▶ALESSANDRIA—The following bouts made up the undercard to the Magri-Cherchi European flyweight title contest.
Raimondo Riccio stopped Rinaldo Cacchioni in five, light welters.
Andrea Scardigli outpointed Kabunda Kamunga, four, light middles.
Costantino Lacche Padovano outscored Piero Spadaccini, six, lightmiddles.
(10-30-85)
▶MONDOLFO—Aldo Gesualdo stopped Ernesto Ros on cuts in the fourth round, light middles.
(10-31-85)
▶VITERBO—World rated junior lightweight Patrizio Oliva scored win number 41 by easily outpointing Steve Mitchell, eight.
Italian featherweight champion Salvatore Bottiglieri outscored Joseph Sekisambu, eight.
American welterweight George Hobbs outpointed Charles Ssali, six.
(10-31-85)
▶VAIRANO—Welter prospect Pietro Ciarla outscored Ngindola Engote, eight.
(10-31-85)
▶RIMINI—Sports Palace—Victor Callejas retained his WBA junior featherweight title by stopping former champion Loris Stecca at the end of six rounds. A full report on this bout appeared in the February issue of *The Ring*.
Former Olympian Angelo Musone outscored Vedat Akova, six, heavyweights.
Argentinian Omar Kader outpointed Giovanni Marchesini, eight, light heavies.
Nelson Trujillo outscored Faical Naifer, eight, light welters.
(11-08-85)
▶CONVERSANO—Guido Trane earned a fifth shot at the Italian heavyweight crown by stopping Cesare DiBenedetto in round eight. Trailing on points, Trane floored DiBenedetto twice to force the stoppage. It was Cesare's first loss.
Junior lightweight Salvatore Curcetti halted Mwilambwe Tshikala in four. Curcetti is now 11-0-1.
Middleweight Michele Renna halted Ngincola Engote on a cut

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in the fifth session.
(11-15-85)
▶**CASAVATORE**—Alfredo Raininger won the vacant Italian lightweight crown by stopping Guiseppe Tidu on a cut in the 10th session. Raininger is now 33-4. Tidu is 24-1-2.
Dominican Angel Quinones stopped Mario Ficano in two, welters.
Museta Bingunia outpointed Bofunga Eymono, six, feathers.
(11-16-85)
▶**VERCELLI**—Giampiero Pinna retained his Italian flyweight title by outpointing Mario Bitetto, 12.
Italian bantamweight champion Maurizio Lupino outscored Joseph Sekisambu, six.
Charles Ssali outpointed Oronzo Oggiano, six, light welters.
(11-17-85)
▶**FERRARA**—Alessandro Duran outpointed Za Dindia Mbeke, six, welters.
(11-22-85)
▶**VITERBO**—Gianfranco Rosi regained his Italian welterweight title by knocking out Gaetano Caso in the eighth round. Rosi had relinquished the title upon winning the European crown. He is now 35-2. Caso lost for the second time in 16 bouts.
Unbeaten light heavyweight Noe Cruciani and Abdel Moumene, six, light heavies.
(11-23-85)
▶**BORMIO**—Giuseppe Leto retained his Italian light middleweight title when challenger Robert Manoni was disqualified for holding in round five. Leto is now 15-2-1.
Former amateur star Giuseppe Ferracuti scored win number six by outpointing Nejib Ben Brahim, six.
Lomani Wa Lomani and Lotfi Bekkhir drew, six, welters.
(11-30-85)
▶**CESENA**—Maurizio Stecca passed his toughest test with an eight-round points win over Britain's experienced John Feeney.
Luigi Minchillo returned to action as a middleweight and halted Doug Kaluza in round five. Minchillo, who had been inactive for 12 years, is now 45-4.
Kamel Bou Ali returned after 11 months and stopped Trevor Evelyn in five, junior lights. Bou Ali is now 18-1-1.
Welterweight Efisio Galici went to 13-0 by stopping Francesco Gallo in round two.
Romolo Casamonica stopped Giuseppe Mercuri in six, welters.
(12-13-85)
▶**LATINA**—Francesco Prezioso outscored Angelo Licata, eight, light welters.
(12-13-85)

▶**ANCOLA**—Ayub Kalule retained his European middleweight title with a split decision over Sumbu Kalambay, 12.
It was an exciting bout. Kalambay, cut in the fourth session, put Kalule down in the fifth. Kalule came back to knock Kalumbe through the ropes in the sixth inning and floor him in the 12th. The judges gave it to Kalule, 118-115 and 117-114, and the referee carded for Kalambay, 114-113. Kalule is now 46-3. Kalambay is 37-3-1.
Sabiyale Diavilia knocked out Mick Mills in the fourth round. Diavilia has won seven of his last eight fights.
Lightweight Piero Morello outscored Jean Luc Sautreau, six, lightweights.
Undefeated featherweight Umba-Sengy Ley outpointed Joseph Sekisambu, six.
Junior lightweight prospect Maurizio Ronzoni went to 8-0 by outpointing Julien Segly, six.
(12-19-85)
▶**PORTOTORRES**—Giuseppe Ferracuti outscored Conmisse Gueblaoui, six, junior lights.
Bruno DeMontis and Faical Naifer drew, six, lightweights.
(12-20-85)
▶**ROVIGO**—Marco Rinaldo kayoed Omar Kader in three, light heavies.
Alberto Castellacci kayoed Jean Pierre Mariani in four, light middles.
(12-20-85)
▶**MILAN**—Alfred Mason kayoed Giovanni Marchesini in the third round, heavies.
(12-20-85)
▶**LUMEZZANE**—Flyweight Mario Bitetto outpointed Roberto Cirelli, six.
(12-26-85)
▶**MODENA**—Featherweight Valerio Nati halted Danny Lee in two.
Edmundo Buttiglione kayoed Hassen Hammani in one. Buttiglione, a 25-year-old middleweight, is now 16-1-1.
Former Olympian Lotfi Belkhir outpointed Charles Ssali, six, light welters.
Rinaldo Cacchioni outscored Gianquinto Vercella, six, light welters.
(12-26-85)
▶**FERRARA**—Welterweight Alessandro Duran scored win numbe 14 by stopping Oronzo Oggiano on a cut in the fourth session.
Dindia Za Mbeke stopped Leonardo Pompa on a cut in the fifth round, light welters.
(12-26-85)
▶**PAVIA**—Featherweight Vincenzo Belcastro halted Raso Tigan in round three.
(12-26-85)
▶**TERNI**—Gianfranco Rosi outscored Wa Lomani Wa, eight.
Noe Cruciani won by a disqualification over Gabriele Lazzari in the fourth round.
Light welter Franco Bronco outscored Eloi DeSouza, six.
Lightweight Teo Rosina won by a disqualification over Angelo Quintavalle in round five.
(12-28-85)
▶**CAPO D'ORLANDO**—Alfred Raininger retained his Italian lightweight title by outpointing Luigi DeRosa, 12.
Lorenzo Giappone outscored Paolo Pesci, six, welterweights. Pesci had been undefeated.
Featherweight prospect Vincenzo Limatola won by a disqualification over Bofunga Eymono in six.
(12-28-85)
▶**PESCARA**—Costantino Padovano Lacche halted El Bachir Chaarane in two rounds, light middles.
(12-28-85)
▶**EMPOLI**—Efisio Galici stopped Charles Ssali in seven, welters.
Andrea Scardigli outpointed Sinisa Popovic, eight, light middles.
Rinaldo Cacchioni outpointed Angelo Quintavalle, four, light welters.
(01-17-86)
▶**NAPLES**—Raffaele Grasso outpointed Nijb Ben Brahim, six, junior lightweights.
(01-18-86)
▶**POZZUOLI**—Patrizio Oliva stopped Rick Kaiser in four.
Joaquin Velasquez outscored Franco Callegari, six, welters.
Alessandro DeSantis outpointed Freddy Cruz, six, bantams.
Angel Quinones and Franco Bruno drew, six, lightweights.
(01-21-86)
▶**CECINA**—Nicola Parrino halted Marko Jakomin in five, welters.
Sid Conteh outpointed Sergio Bologna, six, welterweights.
(01-24-86)
▶**BERGAMO**—Stefano Cassi outpointed Bofunga Eymono, six, lights.
(01-28-86)
▶**CATANZARO**—Jean-Marc Renard regained the European junior lightweight title by stopping Marco Gallo in eight one-sided rounds. Renard had lost the crown to Pat Cowdell, but the British fighter was stripped of the title for failure to defend against Renard in time.
Renard is now 27-3. The 30-year-old Gallo is 28-9.
Ugandan Yawe Davis halted Jose Seys in the first round, light heavies.
Fernando Blanco stopped Piero Morello on a cut in three. Morello had been undefeated.
Lorenzo Giappone won another prospects' clash, outscoring Piero Ciarla, six.
(01-29-86)
▶**ABBIATEGRASSO**—Francesco Damiani went to 8-0 by knocking out American Bobby Crabtree in round six.
Angelo Musone flattened Lorenzo Boyd in the first. Musone is now 11-0.
Connecticut's Luigi Camputaro made his Italian debut by knocking out flyweight Mario Bitetto in the first round.
Efisio Galici won by a disqualification over Piero Spadaccini in seven.
Argentinian welterweight Carlos Prieto kayoed Lomani Wa Lomani in seven.
(01-31-86)

SPAIN

▶**SALAMANCA**—Vicente Fernandez outscored Jose Maria Ibanez, eight, bantamweights.
Rafael Sanchez Munoz outscored Tomas Gomez Rua, eight, lightweights.
(10-12-85)
▶**BARCELONA**—Former European light welterweight champion Antonio Guinaldo outscored Jose M. Castillo, eight.
Flyweight Agapito Gomez halted Jose Juarez on cuts in round six.
(10-22-85)
▶**BARCELONA**—Angel Suarez "Tamaran" retained his Spanish middleweight crown by knocking out Juan Munoz Holgado in round six. Suarez is now 13-1-1.
Lightweight prospect Carlos Sole outscored Julio Garcia Barcina, six.
(10-29-85)
▶**BARCELONA**—Perico Fernandez outpointed Mosimo Maeleke, eight, light middles.
Agapito Gomez outscored German Nunez, eight. Gomez is now 11-1.
Carlos Sole went to 4-0 by outpointing Juan Perez, six.
(11-05-85)
▶**VIGO**—Fernando Rodriguez retained his Spanish junior lightweight title by outpointing Jose Manuel Guervos, 10.
Fredy Costas outscored Julio Garcia Barcina, six, welters.
(11-15-85)
▶**SANTANDER**—Angel Rodriguez "Roxin" outscored Angel Sierra Abascal, six, light welters.
Jesus Bezanilla outscored Blas Canovas, six.
(11-15-85)
▶**SALAMANCA**—Vicente "Zurdo" Fernandez retained his Spanish bantamweight crown by stopping Juan Montero in six.
Jose Maria Ibanez outscored Miguel Angel Rodriguez, eight.
(11-16-85)
▶**BARCELONA**—Alfredo Evangelista returned home to outpoint Louis Pergaud Ngatchou, eight.
Carlos Sole outscored Isidoro Cabeza, six.
(11-19-85)
▶**SALAMANCA**—Angel Coque won by a disqualification over Tomas Gomez in round three, junior lightweights.
(12-07-85)
▶**GIJON**—Angel Rodriguez "Roxin" kayoed Angel Abascal in two.
(12-08-85)
▶**CORDOBA**—Rafael Gutierrez retained his Spanish light welterweight title by outpointing Gabriel Perez Caceres, 10.
(12-20-85)
▶**SALAMANCA**—Rafael Sanchez Munoz outpointed German Nunez, eight, junior lightweights.
(12-21-85)
▶**BARCELONA**—Former European featherweight champion Manuel Masso returned to the ring after five years' absence by outpointing Jose Manuel Guervos, eight. Masso, 32, is now 36-2-1.
Jose Juarez outscored Mustafa Meziani, eight, flyweights.
(01-14-86)
▶**SANTA CRUZ**—Jimmy Cruz outpointed Jose Perez Pacheco, six, lightweights.
(01-18-86)
▶**BARCELONA**—Carlos Sole kayoed Joaquin (Tanio II) Garcia in round four.
Jose Maria Martin Garzon kayoed Oscar Nelson in the fifth, light welters.
(01-21-86)
▶**BARCELONA**—Jose Juarez outpointed Juan Montero, eight, flyweights.
(01-28-86)

SWITZERLAND

▶**GENEVA**—Mauro Martelli outscored Patrick Grisot, six, light middles.
(11-04-85)
▶**GENEVA**—Said Skouma won the vacant European light middleweight crown by knocking out local star Enrico Scacchia at the end of round six. Skouma is now 18-2-1. Scacchia is 25-2-1.
Mauro Martelli outpointed Domenico Ricci, six, light middles.
(11-30-85)
▶**QUILIANO**—Fabrizio Santagati outscored Mohamed Bourras, six, junior lightweights.
Flaviano Polinori stopped Kalifa Bagoro in the third roud, middles.
Pietro Lusardi outpointed Patrick Grisot, six, welterweights.
(12-13-85)
▶**ASCONA**—Paolo Taglione outpointed Alaoul Aziz, six, light welters.
(12-20-85)
▶**BERNE**—Enrico Scacchia returned to action by outpointing Aldo Curti, 10.
(01-22-86)

Thanks are extended to Ray Van Laeken, Leo Vollnhofer, Angel Gonzalez, and Mauro Betti.

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UNITED KINGDOM

Tony Sibson returned to action after a 14-month layoff, knocking out Mexican Juan Elizondo in the second round.

▶**LONDON—Alexandra Pavilion**—Commonwealth middleweight champion Tony Sibson made a triumphant return to the ring after 14 months of inactivity, knocking out Mexican champion Juan Elizondo in 0:47 of round two in a scheduled ten. A left hook to the chin lifted the Mexican off his feet, and Referee Harry Gibbs' count was a formality.
Sibson was in complete control from the first bell. Elizondo was down in the opening round, again at the start of round two, and then came the knockout.
Afterwards Sibson said: "I was really worried about the way the Mexican went down. The punch seemed to go right through him. When the punch landed I felt it all the way up my shoulder, and I reckon I haven't hit anyone as hard as that for a couple of years. I was praying he wasn't seriously hurt."
The 27-year-old Sibson had been out of the ring because of an operation to remove loose bone chippings from his left elbow. The power of the punch was proof indeed of the success of the operation.
Britain is fortunate to have middleweights of the calibre of Mark Kaylor, Herol Graham, and Errol Christie. Now Sibson says: "I'm out to prove I'm the best of the bunch, and get after that world title again."
In a successful defense of his European light welterweight

title, Terry Marsh, Basildon, unanimously outpointed Frenchman Tek Nkalankete over 12 rounds. Marsh surprised many of his fans by taking the fight to his opponent instead of using his skills to outbox his man, his usual plan.

As it was, the Frenchman showed a lot of courage and stamina, putting in a spirited rally in the last few rounds when Marsh looked a little weary. Terry sustained a cut over the left eye, a badly bruised left hand, which must have handicapped him greatly, and his nose bled heavily for most of the bout.

George Collins, Reading, stopped Mexican Andrew Uribe in the opening round of a scheduled eight. These two are welters.

Terry Graham, Paddington, stopped featherweight Barry Bacon, Leeds, in the first round of a scheduled six.

Welter Andy Cox, Woodham Ferrers, stopped Rory Callaghan, Islington, in round four.

Heavyweight Funso Banjo, Nigeria and West Ham, pulled out of his fight with South African Ron Ellis, phoning promoter Frank Warren before the weigh-in to say he was hurt. (There was a rumor that he had been persuaded not to box by an anti-apartheid organization.)
(01-22-86)

▶**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Dave Dent, Camden, 147, gained a narrow points win over Lloyd Morgan, Tottenham, 149, referee Mike Jacobs scoring 78½-78 after eight exciting rounds.

Shane Silvester, West Bromwich, 119½, outpointed Ivor Jones, Holloway, 119¼, scoreline 79-78 after eight.

George Moody, Rayleigh, 147, scored a comfortable points win over Reg Locker, Bournemouth, 149½, referee Nick White casting it 59½-57½ after six twos. Locker was down in round six.

Mark Good, Croydon, 157, didn't lose a round in outpointing Dana Young, Leytonstone, 152¼, referee White scoring it 60-58 after six twos.
(12-16-85)

▶**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Tony Smith, Liverpool, 148, had little difficulty outpointing Phil Duckworth, Leeds, 148, referee Ron Hackett casting it 79½-77 after eight twos.

Debutant Carl Crook, 134, Chorley, didn't lose a round in outpointing George Jones, Telford, 136, referee Keith Garner scoring it 60-57½, after six twos.

Seamus Casey, Alfreton, 156, outpointed Robert Armstrong, Doncaster, 153, referee Hackett casting it 59-58 after six twos. It was Casey's 18th count of the year. Armstrong was down twice.

Des Gargano, Manchester, 122, narrowly outpointed Gypsy Johnny, Burnely, 117, referee Garner's card showing 59-58½ after six twos.
(12-16-85)

▶**LONDON—London West Hotel**—British cruiserweight champion Sammy Reeson, 191, didn't lose a round in outpointing Midlands Area champion Roy Smith, 188, Nottingham, referee Larry O'Connell scoring it 80-76½ after eight. Reeson's title was not at stake.

Reeson won comfortably enough, but full marks to Smith for keeping going and trying his best to force the fight throughout. It was Roy's first defeat. Reeson was cut near the right eye in round four.

Rocky Kelly, 147, Tooting, stopped Phil Duckworth, 145¼, Leeds, at 2:18 of round three, referee O'Connell halting matters when Duckworth was cut by the left eye and had been down. Kelly too was cut by the right eye, both injuries occurring in round two.

Trevor Smith, Harlow, 143, stopped Tyrell Wilson, 142, Cardiff, referee Paddy Sower intervening at 1:52 of round five in a scheduled six twos after Wilson had been down.

Dean Scarfe, 158, Hackney, beat Cyril Jackson, 160, Mold, referee O'Connell intervening at 1:37 of round three in a scheduled eight twos with Jackson under pressure.

Glen Dainty, 122, Canvey Island, beat Tony Rahman, 123, Cardiff, referee Sower stopping it at 0:37 of round five in a scheduled eight twos.

Anthony Furlong, Battersea, 138, comfortably outpointed Bill Smith, also 138, Newcastle, referee Sower scoring it 59½-58 after six twos. It was Smith's first bout in three years; he was floored in the final round.
(01-10-86)

▶**PRESTON—Guild Hall**—Not very often is a British title contested by two boxers of the same surname, but to make it even more difficult, they also had the same Christian names. John (Pat) Doherty, 129, Bradford, won the vacant British junior lightweight title by narrowly outpointing Pat Doherty, 129½, Croydon, over 12 rounds, referee John Coyle scoring it 118-117.

An excellent performance by John, who had taken the fight at less than a week's notice when Najib Daho was injured. Pat started confidently, showing aggression and fast hooks, but John then boxed beautifully at long range, and although cut by the left eye (it needed six stitches) it didn't affect his accuracy.

Pat was bruised by the right eye in the later rounds, and was warned for holding. The last round was a cracker, with honors even, and John being awarded a deserved decision.

Judas Clottey, Ghana, 152, kayoed Sammy Sampson, Preston, 153, in 1:26 of round five in a scheduled eight. He was counted out by referee Mickey Vann as he was trying to get to his feet. A right hand did the trick.

Joe Threlfall, 202, Preston, kayoed Carl Gaffney, 221, Leeds, at the end of round three in a scheduled six twos. The count continued as the bell intervened. Threlfall was down in round two. Gaffney stopped boxing to touch his eye with his glove in round three, indicating to referee Keith Garner that something was wrong.

He then went down on one knee, having been caught by a right hand. He was up at eight, only to take another right hand which knocked him out. Some thought the first knockdown was controversial, but the referee did not deem that any action was necessary.

Dean Barclay, 148½, Enfield, outpointed Karl Ince, 148, Preston, referee Garner scoring it 59-58 after six twos.

Brian Roche, 135, Bacup, outpointed Gary Lucas, 137, Liverpool, referee Vann scoring it 79-78 after eight twos.

Peter Crook, 140, Adlington, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Brian Waring, 140, referee Vann casting it 59½-58½.
(01-16-86)

▶**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Tony Wilson, 175¼, Wolverhampton, made it five in a row by stopping Dave Owens, 178, Castleford, referee Sid Nathan intervening at 2:59 of round two in a scheduled eight after Owens had been down three times.

Errol McDonald, 144, Nottingham, outpointed Lennie Gloster, 145, Peterborough, referee Nathan scoring it 79-78 after eight twos.

Steve Griffiths, 136, Finchley, stopped Ray Newby, 138, Nottingham, referee Tony Walker intervening at 2:09 of round three in a scheduled six with Newby under pressure.

Dave Henderson, 142½, Peckham, outpointed Rob Southey, 143, Abingdon, referee Walker scoring it 59½-58 after six twos. Plenty of action in this one.
(01-20-86)

▶**LEICESTER—Holiday Inn**—Billy Ahearne, 156, Manchester, outpointed Seamus Casey, 161, Alfreton, referee Frank Parkes casting it 79-78 after eight twos. It was Ahearne's second victory in a week.

Ray Taylor, 144, Manchester, outpointed Neb Newbold, also 144, Alfreton, referee Parkes' card showing 58½-57 after six twos.

Rocky Lester, 140, Leicester, outpointed Dave Hall, 134, Manchester, referee Parkes casting it a close 39½-39 after four twos.

Steve Ward, 162, Nottingham, completed a bill in which every fight went the distance by outpointing Nick Riozzi, 166, Leicester, referee Parkes casting it 59½-58 after six twos.
(01-20-86)

▶**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Billy Ahearne, 154, Manchester, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Wayne Crolla, 155, Manchester, referee Brian Hogg scoring it 79½-77 after eight.

Carl Gaynor, 128, made it five in a row by outpointing Robert Newbiggen, 129, Southport, who retired at the start of round three with a back injury, also having been down four times.

Ian Harrison, 138, Manchester, confirmed a previous win by stopping Willie Wilson, also 138, Nottingham, referee Warner intervening at 1:36 of round five in a scheduled six.

Dave Turner, 208, outpointed debutant Gary Fairclough, 210, Burnley, referee Hogg's card showing 59½-58½ after six.
(01-13-86)

▶**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Alex Dickson, 135¾, Larkhall, stopped Steve Pollard, 136, Hull, referee Billy Rafferty intervening 1:58 of round seven in a scheduled eight after Pollard had been down twice and was cut by both eyes.

Brian Holmes, Glasgow, 121, drew with Keith Ward, 121¼, over eight twos. Ward was down briefly in round four. Referee was Danny McCafferty.

Paul Downie, 132, outpointed Dean Bramhald, 134, Doncaster, referee Rafferty scoring it 79½-77 after eight twos.

Willie McDonald, 140, Holytown, didn't lose a round in outpointing Brian Murphy, also 140, Cambuslang, referee McCafferty scoring it 60-58 after six.
(01-01-86)

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JAPAN

▶**Tokyo—Korakuen Hall**—Tall Eiji Okita, the Japanese Commission's second ranked junior lightweight at 128, came off the canvas in the fifth round, fought back hard, and earned a unanimous decision over Donny Yamashita (Donaciano Escamilla), an imported Mexican, 128½, 10.

Scoring: referee Tezaki, 97-93; judge Ugo, 96-94; judge Kanaya, 97-94; all for the come-from-behind winner. Okita's rallies in the last three rounds carried him to victory. Okita, 22, is now 12-1-1 with five kayoes. The tricky Mexican is 3-3 with three kayoes in his campaigns here.

Ex-Japanese junior lightweight and lightweight champ Hikaru Tomonari, 140, disposed of Ryutaro Otsuki, also 140, the JBC's sixth ranked junior welterweight, with a fine body shot in 1:30 of the fourth round in the semi-final 10.

Tomonari, previously dethroned by Tsuyoshi Hamada via kayo, put on a give-and-take battle with Otsuki, dropping him twice. Takeshi Shimakawa refereed.

Unbeaten Masayuki Takahashi, the JBC's number six 112-pounder at the limit, won a shutut unanimous decision (double 80-75 and 80-76) over Ikuo Watanabe, also 112, 8.

Kadoebi Jewel Promotions.

Attendance—2,450 (estimated). TBS TV.
(11-18-85)

▶**Tokyo—Korakuen Hall**—Yukihiro Kimura, 121½, again showed his superiority over Moriyoshi Wada, 121¾, winning a unanimous decision (100-96, 98-96, and 100-94), 10.

Kimura, the JBC's tenth ranked junior featherweight, is now 7-2-1 with three kayoes. Wada, piloted by ex-Japanese bantam champ Ishibashi, is 6-5-1 with four kayoes.

Kunio Takanami, 125¾, caught Taichi Okada, a taller boxer, also 125¾, with a good one-two, dropped him in round three, and halted him at 1:29 of the fourth session in a scheduled 6.

Attendance—2,000 (estimated).

Keihin Kawasaki Promotions.
(11-22-85)

▶**OSAKA—Nishinari Ward Center**—Up-and-coming lefty Hideaki Kamishiro, 118, collected another victim, stopping tall Gonzaburo Nobu, 117, at 2:50 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

Kamishoro, formerly an amateur prospect, is a rookie handled by Hiroaki Tsuda, who managed Osaka's Hidekazu Akai. Akai, a very popular puncher, fought Bruce Curry in a bid for the WBC super lightweight title.

Masaru Yoshimoto, 111½, decisioned Shinichi Sugita, 114, 8.

Naoyuki Iramina, 130, won from Genzo Ano, 129, 8.

Green Tsuda Promotions.

Asahi Broadcasting Company.
(11-27-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Mexican Roberto (Chiba) Arredondo, 126, dropped defending champ Eijiro Kuruma, 125¼, with a sickle-like uppercut in the first round, took the lead, and won a unanimous decision, 10.

Arredondo (who has been living in Japan) won the Japanese featherweight title with his fine performance. Scoring: referee Morita, 99-93; judge Tezaki, 98-94; judge Ugo, 99-93.

Kentuko Nakama, 116, won a majority decision over Keiichi Ozaki, also 116, 10.

Hiroyuki Miyata, the ex-Japanese Novice King tourney winner, 107½, befuddled by unbeaten lefty rookie Norikazu Kawana, 106, struggled to a draw, 6. Each hit the deck in the opening session. Miyata is now 7-1-1 with three kayoes. Kawana fell to 2-0-1 with one kayo.

Misako Promotions.

Attendance—2,650 (estimated). Fuji TV.
(11-28-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Some people say he is as good as Yoko Gushiken, the ex-WBA junior flyweight champ who defended his crown no less than thirteen times. He is Hideyuki Ohashi, a lanky junior flyweight ranked 19th by the WBC despite his short pro career of 3-0 with two kayoes.

Ohashi, 108, showed he was a talented boxer as he disposed of Masato Tanaka, also 108, at 1:03 of the third round in a scheduled 10. The prospect dropped him four times with textbook left hooks and straight rights. By the end of this year, Ohashi will have become a sensation in the Japanese fistic fraternity. Ohasi, handled by Kenji Yonekura, is now 4-0.

Keiji Kawamura, a lefty veteran at 126, eventually caught Kaneto Kimura, 125½, and knocked him out in 1:03 of the tenth and final round. Kawamura is now 16-6-1 with ten knockouts. Kimura is 7-3 with two kayoes.

Yonekura Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—1,850.
(12-03-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Tricky Kenji Ono, 109, was awarded a TKO victory as Masahiro Kubota, also 109, retired at the end of the third canto in a scheduled 8. Ono proved too ringwise and strong for the underdog. One is now 14-8-2 with six kayoes.

A continually hard-fought brawl ended in 1:41 of the sixth round, as Kenji Iizumi, 129¼, demolished Bruce Kyoda, a well-proportioned boxer at 130, in a scheduled 8. Tizumi, 18, is 8-1 with 7 knockouts. Kyoda, 25, fell to 6-3-1 with six knockouts.

Shinto and Soka Arisawa Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,260.
(12-05-85)

▶**HOFU CITY—Hofu Public Arena**—Ex-Japanese featherweight champ Tatsunari Hisahiro, 130, suffered his third consecutive kayo, being stopped by Masayoshi Matsuura, 129¼, at 1:55 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Tatsuya Sugi, 114¼, TKO'd Kenji Noguchi, 114, at 2:02 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

Masa Ito Promotions. No telecast.
(12-15-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Formerly rated by the WBA, Fusao Imai, 129½, Kazushi Riki, 128¼, at 1:50 of the tenth and final round.

For Imai, 29, it was his first appearance after a 27-month layoff. Riki is now 9-9-2 with eight knockouts.

Kazuhiko Akira, 117, TKO'd Shotgun Suzuki, 116¾, with wicked body punches at 2:47 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Akira, a tall prospect, is now 11-1 with six kayoes.

Former amateur hope Akira Tomonari, 133, halted Kazuo Tahara, 132½, due to the latter's bad gash over the right eyebrow at the end of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Moriaki Arazaki, 115¾, won a unanimous decision over Tatsuya Uesugi, 115½, 6. Arazaki, a sticky puncher, is now 8-3 with two kayoes.

Shin-Nippon Saito Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—2,270.
(12-26-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japan makes it a rule to stage the Carnival of Champions annually, featuring national champions versus top contenders.

Akinobu Hiranaka, ex-Olympian at 139½, won the Japanese junior welterweight title by flattening Masahiro Tanabu, 139¼, with a smashing right in 3:10 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

The shorter Hiranaka was ahead on points. A cuntering right was the haymaker. Hiranaka is now 4-0 with four kayoes. Tanabu fell to 9-2 with four knockouts.

The main event ended in 139 seconds of the first round, as Carlos Elliot, 153, easily sent Tricky (Noboru) Kawaguchi, 152¼, to the deck thrice. Carlos, a U.S. military worker at the Misawa Base Camp, thus retained his Japanese junior middleweight throne. He upped his log to 11-1 with 11 stoppages. Kawaguchi is 8-11-1 with three kayoes.

Hiroyuki Yatsu, a fresh prospect at 133, had a tough time in the later rounds, but took a majority nod (97-94, 95-94, and 95-95) over Naoyuki Iramina, 132½, 10. Yatsu, the JBC's second ranked lightweight, is now 14-3-1 with eight kayoes. Iramina, who suffered his first setback, is now 6-1-3 with three knockouts.

Lubic Hachinohe Promotions. Nippon TV.
(01-09-86)

▶**KURUME—Sports Center**—Kazuto Kuramachi, the JBC's sixth ranked bantamweight at 123, scored a quick kayo over

veteran Kenzo Takasugi, 122¼, in 1:32 of the second round in a scheduled 10.
(01-01-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—The second day of the Carnival of Champions saw Koji Nishikawa, a lefty puncher at 111¾, batter the bread basket of Yoshiyuki Uchikoshii, 111¾, drop him five times, and stop him at 0:31 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Nishikawa thus took the Japanese flyweight title that had been relinquished by ex-champ Shuichi Hozumi (who will challenge Hilario Zapata in a bid for the WBA flyweight crown on April 7).

Nishikawa, 22, is now 13-4-1 with six kayoes. He looks to have gained greater power through muscle training. Uchikoshi, who beat Nishikawa two years ago, fell to 12-8-2 with five knockouts.

Ex-Japanese junior flyweight champ Kentoku Nakama, 114, was befuddled by the aggressiveness of Kenji Matsumura, a fast-rising ex-amateur champ, also 114, but eked out a close decision, 10. Kentoku is now 16-4-1 with eight kayoes. Matsumura is 2-1 with one knockout.

Misako Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—1,730.
(01-23-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—The third day of the Carnival saw Tomohiro Kiyuna, the WBC's eleventh ranked junior flyweight at 107, win a disputed decision over ex-champ Yoshiaki Nojima, 107¾, after 10 rounds of furious action.

The lucky victory was Kiyuna's first defense since he dethroned Nojima by another controversial verdict last August.

The Ring scored 96-95 for Nojima. After a visit to the canvas in the second round, Nojima fought back hard to batter Kiyuna; he deserved the decision. The crowd jeered the official nod. Kiyuna, 23, is now 15-1 with seven kayoes. Nojima, 25, fell to 18-9-4 with two stoppages.

The semi-final ten took just 92 seconds, as Eiji Kimura, the JBC's second ranked welterweight at 149¼, landed a vicious left hook to the glass jaw of Masaharu Owada, 149¼, to stretch him out unconscious. The unbeaten Kimura looks promising, but needs to improve his defense skills.

Piston Horiguchi Promotions. TBS TV.

Attendance—2,390.
(01-27-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—The fourth day of the Carnival saw a stunning upset. Mugen Kawasaka, 157¼, floored Shinji Tojo, the defending champ at 160, twice in the first and last rounds, winning a onesided decision, 10.

Scoring: referee Shimakawa, 100-94; judge Uchida, 98-93; judge Nakamori, 99-93—all for Kawasaka. Very few had expected Mugen's victory, as he is really a legitimate welterweight fighting at 147 to 154 pounds.

The new Japanese middleweight kingpin was formerly a sumo wrestler. His record is now 15-6 with eleven kayoes. Tojo, who showed nothing, fell to 9-8 with six knockouts.

Kenyu Tanaka, ex-national featherweight champ at 132¼, stopped Koki Higashi, 132, at 1:49 of the tenth and final round. Tanaka, 26, is now 16-3-2 with five kayoes.

Yukinari Oshiro, 108, scored a kayo over previously unbeaten Norikazu Kawana, 106½, in 3:07 of the fourth round in a scheduled 8. Oshiro, a hard punching lefty, is now 11-2 with seven kayoes.

Yonekura Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—2,030 (estimated).
(01-28-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—This year's Carnival of Champions seems to have many new titlists. Fujio Ozaki, the WBA's ninth ranked welterweight at 146¼, lost his Japanese welterweight crown to six-foot Nobuyuki Tabata, 146½, by a split decision, 10.

Scoring: referee Ken Morita, 98-97; judge Shoji Nakamori, 99-98, both for Tabata; judge Takeshi Shimakawa, 99-98, Ozaki. *The Ring* had it 98-96 for the challenger. Tabata's longer reach prevented Ozaki from getting inside.

Tabata, 22, raised his log to 17-4-1 with fifteen kayoes. (He suffered two TKO losses abroad, to Brian Jensen in Australia and Sang-Ho Lee in Korea.) Ozaki, 24, is now 18-4 with ten kayoes.

Mitsuo Imazato, Japanese bantamweight champ at 118, landed a very well-timed counter to the button of previously undefeated Tadashi Shimabukuro, also 118, and stopped him on his first visit to the deck in 2:17 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Tadashi, a nephew of ex-WBA champ Yasutune Uehara (who once dethroned Samuel Serrano), might have been over-confident against the shorter champ. His first loss against ten wins and a draw, including seven kayoes. Imazato, two years his senior at 24, has been piloted by Fighting Harada. He bettered his log to 21-8 with 11 kayoes.

Teiken and Toa Fighting Promotions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—2,920.
(02-06-86)

▶**OSAKA—Castle Sub Hall**—Takuya Muguruma, the WBC's 18th ranked super bantamweight at 122, kept his Japanese title for the seventh time as he connected with a straight right followed by a wicked left hook and demolished Kazul Osamu, 121, in 1:51 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Muguruma, a busy puncher, is now 21-1-1 with fifteen kayoes. Osamu fell to 17-5-2 with eleven knockouts.

In the semi, rising Yoshiyuki Nomaguchi, 121½, outscored Michio Kawakami, 121¾, by a unanimous decision (double 100-92 and 100-94), 10.

Osaka Teiken Promotions. Kansai TV.
(02-02-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—This was the seventh card of the 1986 Carnival of Champions.

Tadashi Maruo, Japanese junior bantamweight champ at 114¾, connected with good uppercuts, dropped ex-champ Kazuo Katsuma, 115, and won a unanimous decision (98-94, 99-96 and 99-95), 10. This was Maruo's first defense since he won the title with a decision over Shunichi Nakajima. Having been kayoed by Jiro Watanabe in a bid for the world title, Katsuma attempted to win back the national crown. The younger Maruo, however, scored a bit more effectively awarded the victory. Maruo, 24, is now 12-4 with ten kayoes. Katsuma, 27, fell to 17-10-1 with thirteen knockouts.

Kenji Ono, 103, became the first Japanese mini-flyweight champion, as he came off the canvas and fought back desperately to win a unanimous decision (97-95 and double 97-96) over Missile (Masato) Kudo, 105, 10. Ono was punched and thrown almost out of the ropes in the seventh canto. They thought it was over, but he came back gamely. Ono is now 15-8-2 with six kayoes. Kudo is 9-6-1 with three knockouts.

Shinto Promotions. TBS TV.
(02-10-86)

KOREA

▶**CHUNCHON—Chunchon Gymnasium**—The Korean Commission's regulations state that fighters ranked by the WBA, WBC, or IBF should be eliminated from its domestic ratings.

Chul Kwon isn't in the WBA, WBC, or KBC ratings, but he is ranked third by the IBF. Kwon, 127½, sank Won-Kyung Kim, also 127½, in 2:36 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Kwon, a very short infighter, has the speed and skills, and should be facing internationally known opponents.

Kwon is now 21-1-1 with fifteen kayoes. Kim fell to 10-3 with three knockouts.

Korean featherweight champ Jae-Hong Hwang, 124¾, kept his crown, as he was held to a draw by Byung-Soo Park, the perennial top contender at 125¾, 10. Hwang is now 13-1-1 with two kayoes. Park, 16-1-1 with 10 knockouts, deserves a rematch.

Sang-Won Promotions.
(11-09-85)

▶**TAEJON—Chungmu Gymnasium**—The WBC light flyweight champ Jung-Koo Chang, 108, kept his crown by taking a unanimous decision over Mexican Jorge Cano, also 108, 12. A full report on this bout appeared in the February issue of *The Ring*.

Korean lightweight boss Kyu-Wun Choi, 134½, kept his title with a decision over Sang-Muoon Suh, the top contender, also 134½, 10. Choi in now 23-2 with 13 kayoes. Suh is 5-3-1 with five knockouts.

World Promotions.
(11-10-85)

▶**SUNGNAM—Sungnam High School Gymnasium**—Sang-Ho Lee, the WBA's eighth ranked junior welterweight at 146¾, proved a bit too ringwise for Nobuyuki Tabata, an elongated Japanese boxer at 146, halting him at 2:57 of the tenth and final round. After Tabata took a standing count, Lee swarmed over him with two-fisted attacks, and the KBC referee declared a stoppage. Lee, despite a rumored glass jaw, is now 38-1 with 33 kayoes. Tabata impaired to 16-3-1 with 14 kayoes.

Jung-Ho Lee, the KBC's fifth ranked junior feather at 122¼, finished Sung-Hyun Bang, 122, at 0:53 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Jae-Hyun Yuh, the KBC's top junior middleweight contender at 155¼, demolished Japanese Tadashi Maruo, 154¼, at 1:22 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Yuh, the younger brother of ex-WBA world kingpin Jae-Do Yuh, downed his durable rival with a solid right in the third round. When he overwhelmed Maruo in the next round, the loser's cornerman tossed in the towel.

Yuh, previously beaten by the world rated In-Chul Baek (who recently kayoed Fred Hutchings in Korea), made a fine comeback. He is now 26-4 with 24 kayoes. Maruo is 9-8-1 with three kayoes.

(Note: In Japan, there are two fighters with the name of Tadashi Maruo. One is the Japanese junior bantamweight champ; the other is this boxer beaten in Korea. The latter is the JBC's fourth ranked junior middleweight.)

Ex-Korean junior featherweight champ Chan-Jung Chun, a stoutly-built puncher at 127¾, showed his greater experience in stoppinng Yun-Shil Kim, 127½, at 2:02 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10.

Saeki Promotions.
(11-17-85)

▶**INCHON—Inchon Indoor Gymnasium**—Orient and Pacific Boxing Federation junior featherweight champ Yun-Kap Choi, the WBC's eighth ranked contender at 121¾, retained his title by stopping Filipino Pablo Pepito, a wild puncher at 121¾, at 2:58 of the ninth round in a scheduled 12. Yun-Kap had won the OPBF title by taking a decision over Takuya Muguruma, the Japanese champ, last year. He is now 18-3 with eight kayoes. Pepito, a tough veteran, is 38-13-5 with 12 kayoesa.

Palpal Promotions.
(11-23-85)

▶**INCHON—Inchon Indoor Gymnasium**—Jun-Sok Hwang, the OPBF welterweight champion at 146¾, kept his throne for the twelfth time, as he halted Filipino Mon Desoloc, also 146¾, at 0:10 of the sixth round in a scheduled 12.

In Korea, the referee usually counts out a fighter who wishes to retire after the previous round. The kayo time is then recorded as 0:10 of the next round. Mon hit the deck in rounds three and six due to Hwang's greater power.

Hwang had dropped Don Curry in the WBA's eliminator in 1983, and defeated Pipino Cuevas on points in 1984. Despite his style, Jun-Sok has beaten all the challengers in the Orient. He is willing to enter the forthcoming eliminators of the WBA or WBC, if Curry relinquishes his unified title in the future.

Hwang is now 32-2 with 21 kayoes. Mon fell to 13-12-4 with two kayoes.

Eung-Shik Kim, ex-OPBF junior welterweight champ at 141½, won from Hwa-Young Song, 142¼, on a disqualification at 2:26 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

Kim is now 14-1 with eleven kayoes. The Korean, who twice beat Japanese champ Akio Kameda by TKO, was dethroned by Kyung-Dok Ahn late last year.

Dong-A Promotions.
(11-24-85)

▶**SEOUL**—Ki-Chang Kim, 115, became the new Korean junior bantamweight kingpin, as he decisioned Eung-San Choi, 114¾, 10. Kim is now 9-4-4 with four kayoes.

Another eliminator ended in an upset. Hu-Kuk Chae, 111¾, ran his unbeaten record to 11-0-2 (three kayoes), as he outscored the more experienced Soon-Jung Kang, 111, 10. Kang, previously rated by the WBC, is now 20-6-1 with just one kayo.
(11-24-85)

▶**KWANGJU—Kwangju Indoor Gymnasium**—Korean junior lightweight champ Sung-Yun Kim, 129¾, kept his crown by taking a decision over Ok-Yong Kim, the top contender at 128¼, 10.

Kim is now 20-4 with eight kayoes. The loser fell to 11-4-3.

Hyungdae Promotions.
(11-29-85)

▶**CHUNJU—Chunju Indoor Gymnasium**—It was called the Korean "Fight of the Year." They battered each other, and the tide turned every round. The end was a dramatic kayo in the fifteenth and final round at 2:15.

Thus a new IBF world featherweight champ was born, as Ki-Yong Chung, 126, wrested the crown from Min-Keun Oh, also 126, in a crowd-pleasing battle.

After several furious rallies, the challenger was floored by the champ's left hook in round twelve. But Chung fought back impressively and floored Oh twice before the IBF referee called a halt in the final session.

Scoring after the fourteenth round: 134-132, 134-131 and 136-134, all for the new champ.

Ki-Young Chung is now 29-4-2 with nine kayoes. In spite of his rather low kayo percentage, Chung has a lethal left hook. Oh, a better technician, is 15-3 with five knockouts.

Korean welterweight champ Youn-Kil Chung, 147, kept his throne by stopping Young-Bae Lee, also 147, at 1:34 of the tenth and final round. Chung is now 15-3-2 with nine kayoes. Lee is 5-4-2 with two knockouts.

World Promotions.
(11-29-85)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Flyweight Rae-Ki Ahn, the WBC's tenth randed contender at 114, had a tough time but managed to win a majority decision (96-96, 96-95 and 99-96) over Miguel Mercedes, Dominican Republic, 113½, 10.

Miguel, a short but sturdy puncher, is the younger brother of the late Eleoncio Mercedes (ex-world flyweight kingpin). Ahn and Mercedes exchanged short blows at close range throughout the contest.

Kyu-Chan Cho, 124, won from Cha-Sok Oh, also 124, in the semi-final 10. Cho is now 16-6-2 with four kayoes.

Waryong Promotions.
(12-05-85)

▶**TAEGU—Taegu Indoor Gymnasium**—Myung-Woo Yuh, 107¾, won the WBA junior flyweight title from Joey Olivo, a lanky Californian at 107½, after fifteen hard-fought rounds. A full report on this bout appeared in the April issue of *The Ring*.

Bong-Chul Kim, 160, decisioned Bok-Youl Kim, 159½, 10. The winner is now 5-3-1 with two kayoes.

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Korean junior featherweight champ Hyun-Jae Hwang, 122, barely kept his crown as he was awarded a technical decision over Bong-Ho Choi, also 122, at 1:40 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Jun Huh, the WBC's 20th ranked light flyweight hope at 110, utilized his longer reach and decisioned Jae-Sok Park, 109¼, 10. The 5'8" Huh failed to win the Korean title against champion Cho-Woon Park in his previous bout. The 18-year-old Huh, however, will probably beat Park in a rematch. Huh is now 14-1 with nine kayoes. Jae-Sok is 1-1.

Ilhwa Gymnasium.
(12-07-85)

▶**TAEGU—Taegu Indoor Gymnasium**—Jiro Watanabe, 114¾, retained his WBC super flyweight title by demolishing Korean challenger Sok-Hwan Yun, also 114¾, at 2:34 of the fifth round in a scheduled 12. Tony Perez refereed. A full report on this bout appeared in the April issue of *The Ring*.

Yong-Un Park, 124½, easily sank Japanese puncher Kaoru Yoshioka, 124, at 2:33 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Palpal Promotions. KBS TV.
(12-07-85)

▶**NAMHAE—Arena**—OPBF flyweight champ Hi-Sup Shin, the WBC's third ranked contender at 112, proved too strong for Thai champ Nongberd Naphataya, 111, stopping him at 2:57 of the third round in a scheduled 12. Shin was originally scheduled to face Hilario Zapata in his quest for the WBA title in February, and this bout against Nongberd was staged as a tune-up go. (The negotiations with Zapata's manager, Luis Spada, eventually came to naught and the bout was cancelled.) Shin is now 34-2-1 with 18 kayoes.
(12-15-85)

▶**PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium**—Soon-Chun Kwon, the IBF flyweight champ at 111¼, lost his crown via TKO to Chong-Kwan Chung, 111½, at 1:31 of the fourth round in a scheduled 15. This was a "grudge" fight; they had already fought two draws.

The IBF referee at first declared a draw here too—after a ring doctor saw that Kwon was unable to continue due to a bad gash over the right eyebrow. But the IBF witness, Bill Brenan, and other officials said the cut had been caused by Chung's punches—not an accidental butt. Chong-Kwan was then declared the winner.

Korean bantamweight champ Chong-Jin Chung, 117½, lost his crown to Kap-Sup Song, 117¼, by a decision, 10. Chung fell to 11-2-4. Song, a stablemate of WBC champ Jung-Koo Chang, is 15-3-3 with three knockouts.

World Promotions.
(12-20-85)

▶**SUWON—Suwon Gymnasium**—Bi-Won Chung, the WBC's seventh ranked flyweight at 113½, won a fairly close decision over Oh-Kong Son, also 113½, 10.

Son, previously rated third by the WBA, had been knocked out by Myung-Woo Yuh in the latter's tune-up go before Yuh faced Joey Olivo.

Wongjin Promotions.
(12-28-85)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—IBF super middleweight champ Chong-Pal Park, 169¾, engaged in a non-title go with former Korean titlist Chang-Hwan Noh, 169½, dropped the latter

seven times, and finished him at 2:10 of the ninth round in a scheduled 12. Park's body shots sank Noh thrice in the fatal round.

Park is now 39-3 with 34 kayoes. Noh fell to 7-7-1 with two knockouts.

Hang Park, 132¼, halted Tae-Young Choi, 134½, at 2:56 of the ninth session. Park is now 16-5 with six kayoes.

Dong-A Promotions.

(01-02-86)

▶**JINJU—Jinju Indoor Gymnasium**—Newly crowned Kyung-Dok Ahn, the OPBF junior welterweight champ at 140, successfully kept his crown for the first time by disposing of Thai champ Yodkan Donjadee, also 140, at 2:40 of the third round in a scheduled 12.

Ahn is now 20-0 with ten knockouts. He is rated sixth by the WBC thanks to having won the OPBF crown from Eung-Shik Kim. Yodkan is 11-4.

Ki-Youl Kang, the OPBF bantamweight kingpin at 117¾, stopped Kwangthongnoi Sithumnuen, Thai champ at 118, at 2:04 of the second session in a scheduled 12.

Korean lightweight ruler Kyu-Un Choi, 137¼, dropped a decision to Tae-Yong Koh, 137, 10.

Koh is now 8-1-3 with just one kayo. Choi fell to 24-4 with 13 knockouts.

World Promotions.

(01-03-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Cho-Woon Park, 108, and Filipino Little Baguio, 107¾, battled to a draw in a 12-round bout for the vacant OPBF junior flyweight title. Their rematch will take place soon. Park is now 14-1-2 with four kayoes. Baguio, a veteran campaigner, is 31-8-4 with eight knockouts.

Korean junior welterweight champ Chong-Hak Lee, 139¾, decisioned Rang-Gu Park, 140, 10. Lee is now 15-5-3 with three kayoes.

Palpal Promotions.

(01-11-86)

▶**SEOUL—Changchun Gymnasium**—Ki-Chang Kim, Korean junior bantamweight titlist at 114¾, decisioned Young-Soon Kim, 114, 10.

Kim is now 10-4-4 with four knockouts.

Kyung-Jae Chang, 107¾, won the vacant Korean junior flyweight crown by taking a decision over Ha-Shik Lim, 107¼, 10.

Chang is now 9-2 with one kayo. (Korean Commission rules that a national champ must relinquish his title if he challenges for an OPBF or world title.

Ilhwa Gymnasium.

(01-18-85)

▶**SUWON—Suwon Indoor Gymnasium**—Jae-Yong Hwang, 124¾, won the OPBF featherweight title by outpointing Filipino Momong Manaay, 124, 12.

Hwang is now 14-1-1 with two knockouts. Manaay is 17-2-4 with five kayoes.

Young-Dok Park, the KBC's top bantamweight contender at 120, stopped Jae-Chun Lee, 119¾, at 1:48 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Park thus ran his record to 11-1-3 with eight kayoes.

Sangwon Promotions.

(01-20-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munwha Gymnasium**—Stopped by Barry Michael in Australia in his quest for the IBF junior lightweight title, Jin-Shik Choi, 132, made a fine comeback by stopping Filipino champ Lulu Villaverde, 130½, at 3:00 of the seventh round in a scheduled 12.

Choi is now 18-2 with 16 knockouts. Lulu fell to 36-7-2 with 15 kayoes.

Saeki Promotions.

(01-26-86)

▶**TAEJON—Chungmu Gymnasium**—Seung-Hoon Lee, the WBC's fourth ranked super bantamweight at 122¼, was surprisingly counted out by a KBC referee, as Filipino Rudy Casicas, also 122¼, was declared the winner at 0:22 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

It was a very controversial stoppage. In the fatal session, Rudy's solid left hook caught the right eye of Lee. The Korean turned back and threw himself to the ropes, claiming that Rudy had thumbed him. But the third man mercilessly tolled the 10.

Seung-Hoo, who had lost a disputed decision to Victor Callejas last year, was ahead on points at the stoppage. He had taken all the rounds except the fourth, when he carelessly took a wild left and right and hit the deck for a mandatory eight count.

Lee, regarded as a future world champ by Korean experts, thus suffered a kayo. It was the most astonishing result seen this month in the Orient.

Lee fell to 35-6 with 19 knockouts. Casicas, the Filipino Commission's top junior featherweight contender, is 18-3 with six kayoes.

Byung-Soo Park, 126, won the Korean featherweight title by outscoring Chan-Jung Chun, 126, 10. Park, previously rated number one by the KBC, is 18-1 with 10 knockouts. Chun fell to 20-5-6 with 11 stoppages.

World Promotions.

(01-25-86)

JOE KOIZUMI AND YOO-CHANG KIM

PHILIPPINES

▶**PASAY—Sports Complex**—Allan Allegria, 141, previously rated by the WBA, scored a TKO over Amy Pacana, 135½, at 1:52 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Tom Evaristo refereed.

Earnie Cataluna, ex-Filipino bantamweight champ at 119¼, stopped Gil Ragas, 119¼, at 1:06 of the second session in a scheduled 10.

Chito Adigue, 131, unanimously decisioned Diego Lebante, 131, eight.

Jerry Flores, 109, eked out a split decision over Boy Selda, 106, six.

Promoter—Jessie Abrea.

GAB witnesses—Silverio Tuazon, Vedasto Adriano.

(10-02-85)

WORLD RATINGS BY THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION

(As of February 2, 1986)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Michael Spinks (U.S.)
1. Larry Holmes (U.S.)
2. Carl Williams (U.S.)
3. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
4. Tony Tubbs (U.S.)
5. Trevor Berbick (U.S.)
6. James Broad (U.S.)
7. Mike Weaver (U.S.)
8. Marvis Frazier (U.S.)
9. James Douglas (U.S.)
10. Michael Dokes (U.S.)
11. David Bey (U.S.)
12. Eddie Gregg (U.S.)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Lee Roy Murphy (U.S.)
1. Bashiru Ali (U.S.)
2. Ricky Parkey (U.S.)
3. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
4. Dorcey Gaymon (U.S.)
5. Boone Pultz (U.S.)
6. Alfonzo Ratliff (U.S.)
7. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
8. Evander Holyfield (U.S.)
9. Anthony Davis (U.S.)
10. Reggie Gross (U.S.)
11. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
12. Sammy Reeson (Great Britain)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Slobodan Kacar (Yugoslavia)
1. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (U.S.)
2. Bobby Czyz (U.S.)
3. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
4. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
5. Marvin Johnson (U.S.)
6. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
7. Willie Edwards (U.S.)
8. Junior Edmond (U.S.)
9. Diamond Jim MacDonald (U.S.)
10. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
11. Prince Mamah Muhammed (U.S.)
12. Kelvin Kelly (U.S.)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
1. Lindell Holmes (U.S.)
2. Murray Sutherland (U.S.)
3. Vinnie Curto (U.S.)
4. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
5. Don LaLonde (Canada)
6. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
7. Poncho Carter (U.S.)
8. Nicky Walker (U.S.)
9. Marvin Mack (U.S.)
10. Mustafa Hamsho (U.S.)
11. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
12. Keitoku Senrima (Japan)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Marvin Hagler (U.S.)
1. John Mugabi (Uganda)
2. James Shuler (U.S.)
3. James Kinchen (U.S.)
4. John Collins (U.S.)
5. Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
6. Iran Barkley (U.S.)
7. Michael Olajide (Canada)
8. Don Lee (U.S.)
9. Robbie Sims (U.S.)
10. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
11. Sambu Kalambay (Italy)
12. Curtis Parker (U.S.)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
1. Davey Moore (U.S.)
2. Buster Drayton (U.S.)
3. Duane Thomas (U.S.)
4. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
5. David Braxton (U.S.)
6. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
7. Mark Medal (U.S.)
8. Darnell Knox (U.S.)
9. Ken Shannon (U.S.)
10. Lupe Aquino (U.S.)
11. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
12. Troy Darrell (U.S.)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Donald Curry (U.S.)
1. Tommy Ayers (U.S.)
2. Marlon Starling (U.S.)
3. Maurice Blocker (U.S.)
4. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
5. Milton McCrory (U.S.)
6. Horace Shufford (U.S.)
7. David Hilton (Canada)
8. Simon Brown (U.S.)
9. Johnny Bumphus (U.S.)
10. Manning Galloway (U.S.)
11. Mark Breland (U.S.)
12. Yung-Kil Chung (Korea)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Gary Hinton (U.S.)
2. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Rep.)
3. Ronnie Shields (U.S.)
4. Howard Davis, Jr. (U.S.)
5. Joe Louis Manley (U.S.)
6. Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)
7. Eung-Shik Kim (Korea)
8. James (Buddy) McGirt (U.S.)
9. Akio Kameda (Japan)
10. Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
11. Alexis Arguello (Nicaragua)
12. Frankie Warren (U.S.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Jimmy Paul (U.S.)
1. Tyrone Crawley (U.S.)
2. Darryl Tyson (U.S.)
3. Heung-Suk Yuh (Korea)
4. Terrence Alli (U.S.)
5. Sammy Fuentes (Puerto Rico)
6. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
7. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
8. Meldrick Taylor (U.S.)
9. Irleis (Cubanito) Perez (U.S.)
10. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
11. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
12. Roger Mayweather (U.S.)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry Michael (Australia)
1. Rocky Lockridge (U.S.)
2. Jin-Sik Choi (Korea)
3. Hwan-Kil Yuh (Korea)
4. Jackie Beard (U.S.)
5. Bobby Chacon (U.S.)
6. Mark Fernandez (Colombia)
7. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
8. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
9. Yoshimitsu Azato (Japan)
10. Chung-Won Chung (Korea)
11. Tomas Da Cruz (Brazil)
12. Mario Miranda (Colombia)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ki-Yung Chung (Korea)
1. Richard Savage (U.S.)
2. Kwon Churl (Korea)
3. Calvin Grove (U.S.)
4. Tyrone Jackson (U.S.)
5. Min-Keun Oh (Korea)
6. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
7. Billy White (U.S.)
8. Johnny de la Rosa (U.S.)
9. Refugio Rojas (U.S.)
10. Bernard Taylor (U.S.)
11. Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)
12. Lupe Suarez (U.S.)

JUNIOR FEATHEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ji-Won Kim (Korea)
1. Jaime Garza (U.S.)
2. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
3. Greg Richardson (U.S.)
4. Yun-Kap Choi (Korea)
5. Loris Stecca (Italy)
6. Aaron Lopez (U.S.)
7. Bobby Berna (Philippines)
8. Valerio Nati (Italy)
9. Juan (Kid) Meza (U.S.)
10. George Garcia (U.S.)
11. Harold Petty (U.S.)
12. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Jeff Fenech (Australia)
1. Chan-Young Park (Korea)
2. Hurley Snead (U.S.)
3. Ki-Yul Kang (Korea)
4. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
5. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
6. Jerome Coffee (U.S.)
7. Francisco Alvarez (Colombia)
8. Sam David (U.S.)
9. Antoine Montero (France)
10. Jesus Salud (U.S.)
11. Frankie Duarte (U.S.)
12. Toshiyuki Nakagima (Japan)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Elly Pical (Indonesia)
1. Cesar Polanco (Dom. Rep.)
2. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
3. Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
4. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
5. Joo-Do Chun (Korea)
6. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
7. Wong Soo Indrajit (Indonesia)
8. Robinson Cabusao (Philippines)
9. Satoshi Shingaki (Japan)
10. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
11. Julio Soto Solano (Dom. Rep.)
12. Dong-Choon Lee (Korea)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Kwan Jung (Korea)
1. Soon-Chung Kwon (Korea)
2. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
3. Jae-Honz Kim (Korea)
4. Hi-Sop Shin (Korea)
5. Henry Brent (U.S.)
6. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)
7. Allan Makitoki (Phillipines)
8. Edel Geronimo (Philippines)
9. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
10. Rae-Ki Ahn (Korea)
11. Yuenyong Sitprasong (Thailand)
12. Mauro Diaz (Mexico)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Dodie Penalosa (Philippines)
1. Jun-Hwan Choi (Korea)
2. Lupe Madera (Mexico)
3. Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)
4. Augustin Garcia (Colombia)
5. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
6. Steve Bell (Australia)
7. Joey Olivo (California)
8. Francisco Quiroz (Dom. Rep.)
9. Kenbun Taiho (Japan)
10. Yany Dokolamo (Indonesia)
11. Titing Dignos (Philippines)
12. Dadoy Andujar (Philippines)

▶**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY**—Jongjong Pacquing, 135, the former OPBF lightweight champ chalked up a TKO win over Freddie Panerio, 133, in 10.

Jun Resma, ex-Filipino junior flyweight boss at 116, showed his ring experience in copping a unanimous decision over Pat Brancero, 118, 10.

Dondon Tumala, 112, unanimously outscored Fernando Carupo, 114, 10.

Antonio Almirante, Jr.—Promoter.

(10-05-85)

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—Constancio Dangla, the GAB's fourth ranked junior bantam at 115, caught Dommy Ursua, 113, and stopped him in the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Bert Pucay, 122½, decisioned Rey Arceta, 122, 10.

Elmer Pendog, 144, managed to win a split decision over Jun Tue Salvador, 142, eight.

Sammy Baculong, 113, won from Gil Lucban, 111½, eight.

Promoter—Castillo Kiwang.

GAB witnesses—Carlos Roman, Fidel Arcenas.

(10-05-85)

▶**TACLOBAN CITY**—Filipino junior lightweight champ Lulu Villaverde, 130, showed his superior power in finishing Flash delos Reyes, also 130, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Geron Porras, a veteran campaigner at 132, unanimously decisioned Baby Pio Kaki, 133, 10.

Fel Aporto, 124, won a unanimous nod over Rolly Navarro, 125, 10.

Rudy Patalinghug, 122, decisioned Helbert Aragon, 123, 10.

Glen Maquilan, 122, was given a majority decision over Leo Dozal, 112, six.

Promoter—Grego Garcia.

GAB witness—Leonardo Trinidad.

(10-05-85)

▶**MUNTINLUPA, METRO MANILA**—Boy Blanca, the GAB's third ranked bantam at 117, amazed the crowd with a stoppage of Tito Gregorio, 115½, at 2:35 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Joe Lansang refereed.

Bobby Pinos, 118, unanimously decisioned Abel Magracia, 118, 10.

Promoter—Jun Velandria.

GAB witnesses—Bendicto Ronquillo, Carlos Dizon.

(10-09-85)

▶**ANGELES CITY—Nepo Coliseum**—Romy Cunanan, 130, won a unanimous nod over Al Duran, 130, 10. Onofre Perez refereed.

Tacy Macalos, 110, decisioned Lou Marabe, Jr., also 110, 10.

Morris Pastor, 121, kayoed Pablito Lazola, 122, in 1:12 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight.

Ric Santiago, 110, unanimously decisioned Romy Austria, 105, eight.

Promoter—Antonio Esguerra.

GAB witnesses—Vedasto Adriano, Voltaire Reverente.

(10-12-85)

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex**—Ex-OPBF junior bantamweight champ William Develos, 120, was awarded a majority decision over Flash Emmanuel, also 120, 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Bebot Adonis, 132, won from Nilo Alamag, 129, 10.

Louie Gonzales, 113, unanimously decisioned John Calanugan, 113, 10.

Carding Calmona, 135½, stopped Boy Escartin, 133½, at 1:23 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight.

Galorde Enterprises.

GAB witnesses—Vedasto Adriano, Leonardo Trinidad.

(10-16-85)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO**—Filipino junior bantamweight champ Ruben dela Cruz, 115, unanimously decisioned Robinson Cajusao, 113, 10.

Boy Romero, 133, TKO'd Tony Manulang, 130, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Kid Kanashiro, 112, finished Fel Rios, 114, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.

Dodong Oculam, 129, eked out a split duke over Renato Paulino, 128, 10.

Promoter—Eusebio Almario, Jr.

(10-19-85)

▶**PIGCAWAYAN, NORTH COTABATO**—Edgar Apatan, 124, TKO'd Nilo Canales, also 124, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Ben Hur Bedia.

(10-20-85)

▶**QUEZON**—Amado Cabato, the GAB's ninth ranked featherweight at 124, scored a fine knockout over John Matienza, 126, in the second round of a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Nich Dalisay, 110, decisioned Faustino Simbajon, also 110, 10.

Roger Obina, 124, won from Richard Agbay, also 124, eight.

Promoter—Romulo Santiago.

GAB witnesses—Benedicto Ronquillo, Carlos Dizon.

(10-24-85)

▶**STA. QUETERIA, METRO MANILA**—Majie Bona, 121½, copped a unanimous nod over Ben Samson, 122, 10. Joe Lansang refereed.

John Calanogan, the GAB's ninth ranked junior bantamweight at 115, won from Tony Ducay, 116, 10.

Pretty Boy Lucas, 109, won a unanimous duke from Ed Hemo, 113, in 10.

Jun Altarejos, 110, was held to a majority draw by Salvador Maca, 110, eight.

Promoter—Antero Valendria.

GAB's witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Voltaire Reverente.

(10-26-85)

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex**—Rolando Bohol, the GAB's ninth ranked junior flyweight at 113, took a unanimous nod from Paul Torres, 113, in 10.

Joe Hiyas, 122, won a split decision from Jun Abras, 121, 10.

Rex Cabubas, 140, decisioned Lorenzo Orlanez, 141, six.

Galorde Enterprises.

GAB witnesses—Benedicto Ronquillo, Voltaire Reverente.

(10-30-85)

▶**ABATAN, BENGUET**—Bert Pucay, the GAB's top junior featherweight contender at 121, TKO'd Gerson Brago, 121¾, in the third round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Tomas Arsenio.

(11-02-85)

▶**DAVAO CITY**—Jun Resma, the GAB's top junior bantamweight contender at 117½, fought to a split draw with Jun Simbajon, 116½, 10.

Rene Aroy, 128, won a unanimous decision over Sul Inting, 127, 10.

Sil Arcillas, 148, lost a majority nod to Jun Ramos, 145, 10.

Boy Lou Perez, 116, dropped a unanimous decision to Noel Teledo, also 116, 10.

Promoter—Elpidio Elorde.

(11-08-85)

▶**PASAY—Sports Complex**—Filipino junior lightweight champ Lulu Villaverde, 130, successfully kept his title by stopping Eugenio Nardo, 128, in the fourth round of a scheduled 12.

Flash delos Reyes, 126½, unanimously decisioned Rudy Cabiles, 124½, 10.

Constancio Dangla, 117, won from Val de Vera, 117½, 10.

Promoter—Arturo Borjal.

(11-15-85)

▶**OLONGAPO CITY**—Al Llanita, 134, stopped Edison Saladas, 133, in the second round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Benjamin Torren.

(11-15-85)

▶**PARANQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex**—Ronnie Vallescas, 110½, won a unanimous verdict over Faustino Simbajon, 109, 10.

Pastor Arcaya, 134, won from Carding Culmona, 135, 10.

Galorde Enterprises.

(11-20-85)

▶**TACURONG, SOUTH COTABATO**—Tony Manuland, 130, won a split decision over Renato Paulino, also 130, 10.

Promoter—Carmelino Buenaflor.

(11-23-85)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO**—Bert Lozano, 135, battled to a split draw with Boy Romero, 135, 10.

Kid Kanashiro, 113, scored a seventh round TKO over Rodolfo Inocian, 113, in a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Eusebio Almario, Jr.

(11-23-85)

▶**DAVAO CITY**—Young Abaloyan, 130, unanimously decisioned Cesar Ligan, 130, 10.

Cris Ladera, 140, lost a majority decision to Sil Arcillas, also 140, 10.

Promoter—Julian Tan, Jr.

(11-29-85)

▶**CEBU CITY—Cebu Coliseum**—Titing Dignos, the GAB's fourth ranked flyweight at the limit, dethroned defending national champion Rene Busayong, a prohibitive favorite at 112, by a unanimous decision, 12.

Flash Ursus, 130, was a unanimous points winner over Vic Subiza, 130, 10.

Joe Guevarra, 121, earned a unanimous decision over Juanito Favila, 127¼, 10.

Aranco Sports Promotions.

(11-30-85)

▶**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Dadoy Andujar, 112, TKO'd Benjie Miole, also 112, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

Jun Dolor, 117, lost a split duke to Gil Ragas, 118, 10.

Boy Morales, 130, eked out a split decision over Little Carupo, 120, 10.

William Belan, 110, dropped a majority nod to Robert Balazuela, 112, 10.

Promoter—Ricardo Mendez.

(11-30-85)

▶**COTABATO CITY**—Ali Granada, 120, lost a unanimous decision to Edgar Apatan, 124, 10.

Carlos Parcia, 137, scored a fourth round TKO over Roland Dante, 140, in a scheduled 10.

Danilo Inocian, 130, was unanimously decisioned by Dodong Oculam, 130, 10.

Promoter—Manuel Tan.

(11-30-85)

▶**SAMPALOC MM—L&M Gym**—Ellysser Guevarra, 113½, chalked up a TKO win over John Calanogan, 113, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Grego Garcia.

(11-30-85)

▶**ANGELES CITY**—Willie Makitoki, the GAB's top welterweight contender at 147½, was awarded a majority decision over Mike de Guzman, 151½, 10.

Al Llanita, 133, won a unanimous decision over Boy Reyes, 132, 10.

Promoter—Antonio Esguerra.

(11-30-85)

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▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Rojana Sornrama, previously fighting under the name of Narongthavat Nabumrung, 112, lost an upset decision to unbeaten rookie Thanonsak Singboba, 113, six.

(Rojana was the Thai Commission's second ranked junior flyweight. The winner is now 4-0 with one kayo.

(11-01-85)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rocky Sor Chitalada, the TBC's tenth ranked bantamweight, ran his unbeaten log to 8-0 with as many knockouts by finishing Kwanchai Sor Sirinan in the third round of a scheduled six.

(11-02-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thavin Narachvat, the Thai number three junior lightweight at 130, found it easy to finish Yodsong Lookarkasyotin, a novice at 129, in two minutes of the first round of a scheduled six.

(11-04-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Prajub Sorthanikul, the TBC's eighth ranked bantamweight at 117, drew with Deeden NaRajavat, 118, six.

Prajub is now 6-1-1 with five kayoes

(11-07-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sakchai Kiatsonthaya, the TBC's seventh ranked junior bantamweight at 114, showed his ring experience to Phisit Singrungrojana, ex-amateur student champ at 113, copping a unaminous decision, six. Sakchai is now 11-15 with six kayoes.

(11-07-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinees Stadium**—Thai Suracharern, Thai junior welterweight champ at 141, returned from Japan after suffering a kayo at the hands of Akinobu Hiranaka, and earned a unanimous nod over Thanit Laudsanti, 140, six. Thai thus upped his log to 16-4 with eleven kayoes.

(11-09-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thavat Kiatpongchinda, ex-Thai mini-flyweight champ at 113, made a fine comeback and stopped Paetch Saknarong, also 117, in the third round of a scheduled six. Thavat is now 9-3 with two kayoes.

(11-11-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Singnoi Singkrungthon, 119, needed just 0:50 of the first round to demolish Chuchainoi Phatanagym, 115, in a scheduled six.

(11-13-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Rungdej Sakcharern, the TBC's number three junior featherweight at 119, showed his power punching in finishing Sarivat Sahaprom, 118, in the opening canto in a scheduled six.

(11-14-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Santi Donjadee, the TBC'sfifth ranked featherweight at 127, scored a first round kayo over Veerachi S. Kiatpradit, 126, in a scheduled six.

(11-16-85)

▶**BANGKOK**—Fast rising Samart Payakaroon, the WBC's tenth ranked super bantamweight, easily knocked out a Korean billed as Byung-Soo Park in the sixth round. Samart is now 11-0 with six kayoes.

After the fight Duangdee Terdkiatphitak, the Thai featherweight champ, said the Korean wasn't the real Byung-Soo Park. (Duangdee was kayoed by Byung-Soo in Korea on September 7.) According to the Thai champ, Byung-Soo was an orthodox stylist, not a southpaw; the Korean Samart stopped was a lefthander. Someone said the loser was a second-rate belonging to the Pilseung Gym. The contract of the Samart fight wasn't approved by the TBC, but by the ABC Commission and TV Channel 7. There are three organizations to control Thai boxing—the TBC, Lumpinee and ABC (in association with TV Channel 7).

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Petchainit Donjadee, the TBC's top flyweight contender at 114, easily finished Dannapa O. Banmor, also 114, in the second round of a scheduled six.

(11-17-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Eak Donjadee, the Thai number three miniflyweight at 115, suffered a couple of knockdowns and lost an upset decision to Pornchai Lanchaopray, 112, six.

This was the night program.

(11-17-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Kairung Sithpayak, the TBC's top junior flyweight at 112, gave a lesson to Kriengsak Yuthakiat, a shabby old soldier at 110, winning a unanimous decision, six.

(11-19-85)

Ex-Thai Featherweight boss Kolyuth Pornpanthumnu, 137, walked out of the ring in the sixth and final round, and Thai lightweight champ Downthong Chuvatana, also 137, was awarded a TKO victory. The winner is now 32-9 with twenty-six kayoes.

(11-21-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—On the daytime card, Thai featherweight kingpin Doungdee Terdkiatphitak, 129, finished Aisu Sorchaichererakit, 128, in the first round of a non-title six.

On the night card, Surasith Meeprasert, previously rated 20th by the WBC, 117, won a unanimous decision over Nakaraj Kiatsonthaya, 120, six.

The first winner, Doungjadee, is now 11-3 with six kayoes. Surasith is now 23-3 with 12 knockouts.

(11-23-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Veerachai Vongprasert, the TBC's fourth ranked flyweight at 112, lost an upset decision to Tanjai Kiatahavtchai, also 112, six. Tanchai is now 4-0 with thwo kayoes.

(11-25-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thongbern Lukmaturee, the TBC's top ranked junior lightweight at 131, polished off Vichiannoi Sor Burapha, also 131, in the third round in a scheduled six. Thongberm is 14-4-1 with 10 kayoes.

(11-26-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kaokor Galaxy, the elder twin brother of WBA junior bantamweight champ Kaosai Galaxy, 118, earned a split decision over Rakchai Kiatsonthaya, also 118, six.

Kaokor is now 3-0 with two knockouts.

(11-27-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Kongtoranee Payakaroon, the WBA's third ranked junior bantamweight at 117, ran his unbeaten log to 5-0 with three kayoes, as he disposed of Filipino Joseh Radipe, 114, at 2:15 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. An absolute mismatch.

(11-29-85)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rocky Sor Chitalada, a deaf-mute puncher, extended his kayo streak to nine in as many bouts, finishing Ded Newpower in the second round of a scheduled six.
(11-30-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Deeden Narachawat, 117, decisioned Firephanieng Jockygym, 118, six.
(12-02-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thanonsak Singboba, 114, took a unanimous nod from Phisit Singsungroj, 113, six.

Thanonsak, the TBC's fourth ranked junior bantamweight, had been fighting in the *Muay-Thai* field. He turned to international style boxing, and has now compiled 7-0 with two kayoes. He is a fast boxer, but lack power.
(12-05-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Samkan Chuvatana, a lanky hope ranked top in the bantamweight class by the TBC, 120, halted Downoi Sithsanae, 121, in the third round in a scheduled six. The loser didn't look in good shape.
(12-07-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Narongthavat Nabumrung, now known as Roj Sornrama, 112, stopped old soldier Chokdee Yodprasert, also 112, in the third round of a scheduled six.
(12-08-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Singnoi Singkrungthon, the TBC's topl ranked junior bantamweight at 118, and Nakaraj Kiatsonthaya, an overweight junior flyweight at 120, drew, six.
(12-09-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sombutryod Singsamang, the TBC's second ranked bantamweight, kayoed Petchtae Sithfahcomron, 120, in the third round of a scheduled six.
(12-10-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—WBA junior bantamweight champ Kaosai Galaxy has a lightweight sparring partner named Phansaknoi Kiatkraisorn. Phansaknoi, 135, hit the deck and dropped an upset decision to fading veteran Jimmy Sithfaidang, 134, six.
(12-11-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Saksing Singkungthon, the TBC's fourth ranked bantamweight at 121½, sent Sakchai Kiatsonthaya, 117½, to the deck, but the latter fought back hard to win a unanimous decision, six.
(12-12-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Surasith Meeprasert, 118, a junior bantamweight prospect, met Laemthong Sor Vorasing, a nephew of ex-WBC kingpin Netrnoi Sor Vorasing, 123, and stopped him in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
(12-13-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Veerachai Vongprasert, the TBC's fifth ranked flyweight at 113, easily kayoed Samordum Maungkunpan, 112, in the second session of a scheduled six.
(12-18-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Originally scheduled to fight Thai lightweight champ Downthong Chuvatana for the title, Suban Kongpanyamo went to Indonesia, losing a decision to Thomas Americo two days before.

Suban wound up weighing no less than 145 pounds for Chuvatana, and it became a non-title bout. Downthong, 140, hit the canvas and dropped a close but unanimous decision to the ill-conditioned Suban, eight.
(12-19-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thai junior welterweight kingpin Thai Suracharern, 142, found it very easy to polish off a novice, Chitchai S. Nakornping, 141, in the first minute of the opening canto in a scheduled six.
(12-21-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Channel 7 Ring**—Downmai Sithkodom, the TBC's second ranked junior bantamweight, seems to have outgrown the class. Downmai, 124, scored a one-punch kayo over Chuchainoi Phatanasing, 119, in the first round of a scheduled six.
(12-21-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—On the daytime card, Petchainat Donjadee, 114, the TBC's top ranked flyweight, stopped Win Sithfahcamron, 113, in the second round of a scheduled six.

On the night card, Ekarag Singnakornlueng, the TBC's second ranked featherweight at 126, demolished Veerachai S. Kiatpradit, 125, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(12-22-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Santi Donjadee, 128, floored Kwanchai S. Sinantha, 128, for the count in a scheduled six.
(12-24-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Singnoi Singkrungthon, the TBC's top ranked junior bantamweight at 119, easily kayoed Rakchai Kiatsonthaya, 122, in the second session of a scheduled six.
(12-25-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Patt Ohyuthnakorn, the Thai mini-flyweight champ at 105, lost his crown to Mahasamuth Sithnaruepon, also 105, by a unanimous decision (100-93, 99-93, 99-93) 10.

Mahasamuth, previously known as Suriyanoi Somtanguijab, dropped the defending champ with a wicked right uppercut for the count of nine, and battered him all the way.
(12-26-85)

▶**RANGSIT—Rangsit New Stadium**—Ex-silver medalist in the amateur Thai King's Cup international tournament, Songphol Meesaunthong, 128, made a fine pro debut by scoring a TKO over Jung-Kun Lim, 127, in the third round of a scheduled 10.

The Korean loser suffered a slight cut on the left eyelid, and the TBC physician declared him unable to continue. He was eager to fight on.
(12-26-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Eak Donjadee, 115, the TBC's number five mini-flyweight, won a unanimous decision over Jaophayak Sithsama, 114, six.
(12-27-85)

▶**SAMRONG—Samrong Stadium**—Thai junior featherweight champ Prayurasak Muangsurin, 124, easily caught Laemthong Sor Vorasing, also 124, and finished him in the second round of a scheduled six.

Laemthong had been kayoed by Surasith Meeprasert two weeks earlier, but Samrong Stadium is out of the TBC's control.
(12-27-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sakad Patchindee, the TBC's top ranked lightweight (the OPBF's number six), 138, stopped less experienced Jaosuriya Somtangguijab, 135, at 0:35 of the first round in a scheduled six. Sakad once fought Wilfredo Gomez for the WBC super bantamweight title.
(12-28-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Paipetch Muangchumpae, the TBC's second ranked junior lightweight, 143, returned to the ring after a long lay-off and stopped Thanomsak Sithsonthaya, 140, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(12-29-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thavin Narachvat, 130, the TBC's third ranked junior lightweight, scored a knockout over Uchrajdej Sithvatyairom, Jr., also 130, in the third round of a scheduled six.
(12-30-85)

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NEW SOUTH WALES

▶**LEUMEAH—Campbelltown Leagues Club**—Local idol Paul Toweel, 153¾, won a comfortable unanimous decision over Fijian Joe Knight, 163¼, 10. Knight previously boxed under the name Joe Nakui. Billy Males, referee. John Cauchi and Gary Lowe, judges.

Nooky Curyer, 156½, won a unanimous decision over Miguel Pimentel, 152¼, eight. Gary Lowe, referee. Cauchi and Males, judges.

Nemani Rakadi, 154, Fiji, kayoed Steve Henry, 150, in the second round of a scheduled six. John Cauchi, referee. Lowe and Males, judges.
(01-18-86)

▶**PORT KEMBLA—Leagues Club**—Former Australian junior middleweight champion Alex Temelkov, 166¾, knocked out Shaun Gray, 165¼, with a right to the jaw in the second round of a scheduled 10. John Cauchi, referee.

Nemani Rakadi, 155, kayoed Steve Henry, 158, again, this time in the fourth round of a scheduled eight.

Nooky Curyer, 155½, knocked out Jimmy Henry, 140½, in the fourth round of their scheduled eight. Gary Lowe, referee.
(01-24-86)

▶**MARRICKVILLE—R.S.L. Club**—Tommy Roberts, 153, outscored Anthony Naidu, 161, 10. Referee Tony Rok carded 100-93. Interesting encounter; Naidu walks up looking for action, while Roberts boxes fast—and smart.

Steve Cox, 136, outpointed Dean Thomas, 135, six. Paul Moore, referee.
(01-26-86)

▶**NEWCASTLE—Workers Club**—Australian cruiserweight champion Kevin Wagstaff, 186, won a unanimous decision over Tiger Hamo, 186½, 10. The bout was set over two-minute rounds so Wagstaff's title would not be at stake. Tony Rok, referee. Paul Moore, Brian McMahon, and Bernie McMahon, judges.

Peter Mitrevski, 111½, and John Dabbene, 112, had their scheduled 10-round NSW State flyweight title bout declared a tech draw at the end of two. Mitrevski was cut near an eye due to an accidental clash of heads according to referee Bernie McMahon. Moore, Rok, and Brian McMahon, judges.

Shane Knox, 129, kayoed Gary Clarke, also 129, with a right rip into the body in 1:47 of round one in a scheduled eight. Knox, a gym mate of IBF bantamweight champion Jeff Fenech, is a great prospect.

Warren Jenner, 164, won a unanimous decision over Joe Knight, 160, six. Joe Keegan, referee. Johnny Wright, Tony Rok, Bernie McMahon, judges.

Al Hallett, 152½, halted Ian Landkauf on a cut eye in round three. Brian McMahon, referee. Bernie McMahon, Rok, and Keegan, judges.

Promoter—Bill Mordey.
(02-02-86)

▶**CARDIFF—Workers Club**—Glenn Collis, 144½, won a unanimous decision over Darwin North, 147, 10. Good action fight, with notes and coins thrown by ringsiders.

Robert Simmons, 117, won a unanimous decision over veteran Bobby Williams, 114¾, 10.

Steve Cox, 135½, won a close decision over Dean Thomas, 136¾, six.

Phillip Streen, 134½, kayoed Young Henry, also 134½, in the third round of a scheduled four.

Nooky Curyer, 157¾, and Steve Henry, 156½, drew, four.

Referee—Joe Keegan.

Judges—John Cauchi, Jim Dillon, Clive Greedy.
(02-04-86)

▶**NOTES**—The Professional Boxing Association of New South Wales held its annual awards night at the Centerbury Bankstown Leagues Club on February 8, 1986. Tony Rok was the organizer, and he did a great job. Ian Gough was the m.c., and a crowd of around 300 was in attendance.

The Novice Fighter of the Year Award went to Robert Newton. Marty Feighan was the Best Preliminary Fighter of the Year, and Shane Fox won the Best Prospect Award. The NSW Fighter of the Year Award went to Jeff Fenech, who stood head and shoulders above all other candidates.

Ken Salisbury vs. John Siriotis was the NSW Fight of the Year. Salisbury and Siriotis were extremely pleased by the award, and walked to the rostrum like two brothers.

Paul Toweel vs. Darwin North was the Best Prelim Fight of the Year.

The Professional Boxing Association of Australia International, of which the PBA of NSW is a branch, presented the Australian Boxer of the Year Award in association with *The Square Ring* magazine. This correspondent, as editor of *The Square Ring*, made the presentation. Jeff Fenech was the winner, beating Barry Michael and Lester Ellis into the minor placings.

QUEENSLAND

▶**ROCKHAMPTON—Grosvenor Hotel**—Veteran Roger Henry, 138¾, New South Wales, easily stopped Graeme Jeffries, 134½, Queensland, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Billy Dunnett, referee.

Bobby Mastro, 131¼, New South Wales, won a close decision over Johnny Fooks, 134½, Queensland, eight. An exciting contest that drew a shower of coins and notes from appreciative ringside fans.

Rodney Price, 150, outscored veteran Lou Hurst, 158¾, six.

Shane Spencer, 134½, outpointed Cyclone George, 132¼, six.

Dave Richards, 143¼, made a comeback and kayoed Tommy Gilmartin, 134½, in the second round of a scheduled four.
(01-29-86)

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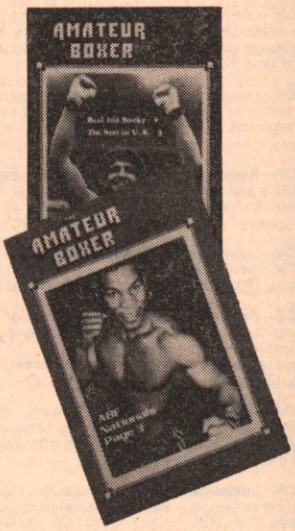

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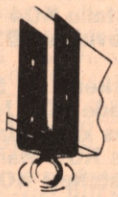

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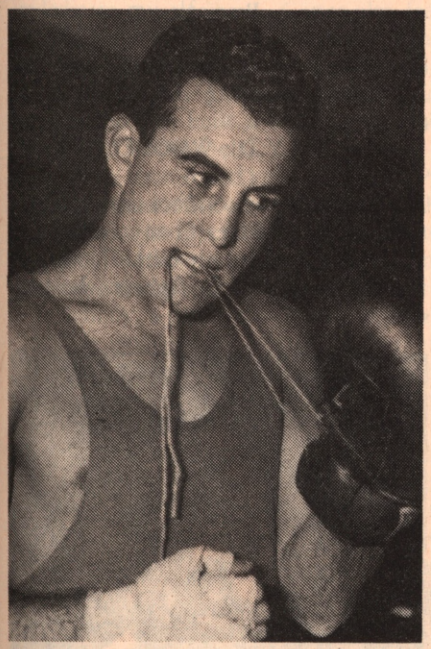

Fidel LaBarba

THIS MONTH WE TAKE A LOOK AT THE late great Fidel LaBarba who won the flyweight gold medal in the 1924 Paris Olympics, and later went on to also capture the professional crown at the 112-pound limit.

LaBarba first saw the light of day on September 29, 1905 in New York City. Fidel grew up on the streets and began boxing at the age of 14. Following his success in the Olympics, he turned pro under the management of Georgie Blake. And although they stayed together for 13 years, they never had a written contract.

Fidel never engaged in a preliminary bout, and was soon fighting some of the best flyweights in the world. Among those he beat were: Young Nationalista, Frankie Genaro, Clever Sencio and Georgie Rivers. On January 12, 1927, LaBarba outpointed Elky Clark over 12 rounds for the world flyweight crown.

In 1927 LaBarba announced his retirement from the ring in order to enroll in Stanford University. However, a year later he returned to boxing as a featherweight. He got two cracks at the 126-pound title, dropping a 15-round decision to Battling Battalino in 1931 and then losing another 15-rounder to Kid Chocolate the following year. That match was billed for both the New York State version of the featherweight title and the world lightweight crown.

LaBarba had his last fight in March of '33, winning a 10-round decision over Mose Butch. He finished with an overall pro record of 69 wins, 15 losses, seven draws and three "no decisions."

After his ring career was over, Fidel spent a number of years on the staff of 20th Century-Fox where he gained several screen credits while serving on the advisory board to Darryl F. Zanuck. During World War II he spent three years overseas with the Air Corps.

In a 1955 poll conducted by the Los Angeles Athletic Club and the Helms Athletic Foundation, LaBarba was selected as the outstanding Southern California boxer of the past 50 years. He was elected to *The Ring* Boxing Hall of Fame in 1972. Fidel died on October 3, 1981 in Redondo Beach, California.

ART DOWNEY, FORMER FIGHTER WHO now lives in Tacoma, Washington, recently visited his old stomping grounds in San Francisco where he joined other survivors of the 1906 earthquake. Art, who was known as the "Fighting Bellhop," is the brother of referee Jack Downey. Art recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

THE RING 8 VETERAN BOXERS HELD A New York Night at Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum. A parade of former champions were on hand to help celebrate the 60th annual Golden Gloves, hosted by the New York *Daily News*. Part of the evening's proceeds went to the Ray Arcel Medical Clinic.

CHESTER RICO, TOP-NOTCH LIGHTweight of the 30s and 40s, now makes his home in Las Vegas, Nevada. Chester is well remembered on the east coast by his many fans who enjoyed his smooth style of boxing. Chester, 65, currently does security work for various hotels and casinos along the Vegas Strip.

THE NEWMAN'S GYM IN SAN FRANCISco has reopened under manager-trainer Don Stewart . . . The San Francisco Historical Museum held a benefit dinner at the Italian-American Athletic Club. The museum will be housed on the third floor promenade of the Civic Auditorium . . . Former WBA lightweight champion Ray Mancini was among those honored at the recent Daper Dan banquet in Pittsburgh. Ray received the "Farewell to Sports" award . . . Ring 4 of Boston held a special evening to honor their president, Buddy Hayes . . .

THE LAST ROUND:

TOMMY FARR, 71, FORMER GREAT Welsh heavyweight, died on March 1, 1986 in Brighton, England. Farr, who will always be remembered for his fights with Joe Louis, Max Baer, Jimmy Braddock, Lou Nova and Red Burman, had been suffering from cancer. His ashes were scattered in the Rhonda Valley where his mother was buried.

JOHNNY KID ALBERTS, 87, FORMER top lightweight from Rochester, recently passed away in Lehigh Acres, Florida. Born in the Flower City on November 30, 1898, Johnny fought all the tough local boys like: Chubby Brown, KO Kelly, Kid Chicago, Kid Casey, Mexican champ Benny Cordova, and French champ Andre Blazey.

ALEXANDER (ALLIE) SANTORA, 74, former boxer from Jersey City, New Jersey, died on February 22, 1986 at St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken. A former amateur great who won three Golden Glove titles, Allie is best remembered for losing a hairline nod to Barney Ross in a 1929 Intercity G.G. contest. Santora fought pro from 1930 to 1935. A life-long resident of Jersey City, Allie worked for the Jersey City Department of Recreation from 1963 to 1978, serving as director and boxing coach. □

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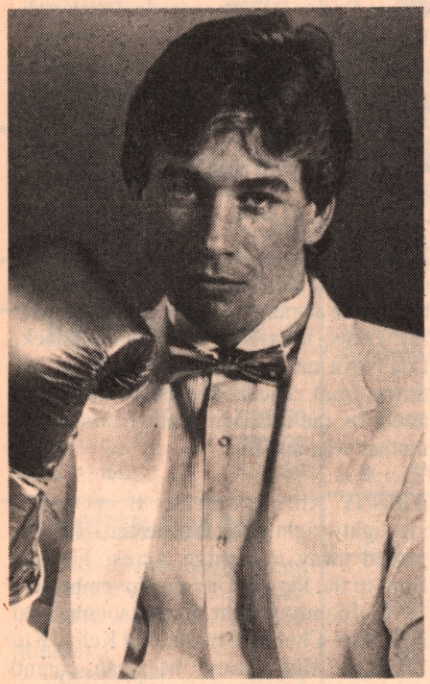
FOR LARRY HOLMES
Former heavyweight champion

Q: I read that you have signed for a re-match with Michael Spinks. What will you do differently the second time around?
S.H., HALLANDALE, FLA.

A: I'll knock him out. That's what I'll do differently.



FOR DONNY LALONDE
Canadian light heavyweight prospect

Q: What's this I read about you wanting to be an actor?
S.T., WINNIPEG, CANADA

A: I'm studying acting at the Herbert Berghof Studios in New York City. It's a lot of hard work, but I really haven't put 100% into it because I've spent so much time training. Acting isn't something I have to do, it's something I'd like to have experience in when my boxing career is over.

FOR DAVID WOLF
Manager

Q: What is Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini doing these days?
N.T., RENO, NEV.

A: Ray has been in Cancun, Mexico working on an ABC-TV movie called "Rig." He also recently appeared on Tony Danza's "Who's The Boss" television show.

FOR MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD
Former WBC light heavyweight champion

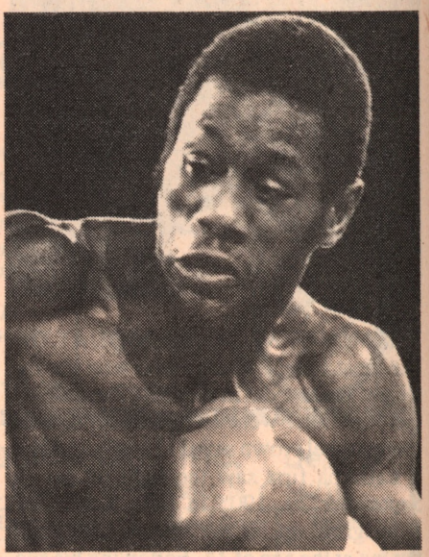
Q: I heard you were stopped in your second comeback fight. Are you going to hang up your gloves for good before you get hurt?
F.K.J., GERMANTOWN, PA

A: I'm not giving up yet. He (Uriah Grant) is really a cruiserweight. He was much stronger. I was outboxing him in the early rounds. I just don't see any reason to quit yet.

FOR DON KING
Promoter

Q: What do you think about all the problems boxing is having with fighters taking drugs?
Y.D., WOODCLIFF, N.J.

A: I am going to conduct my own drug tests of the fighters in my camp. I'm sick about working my butt off and having things spoiled by fighers who take drugs.



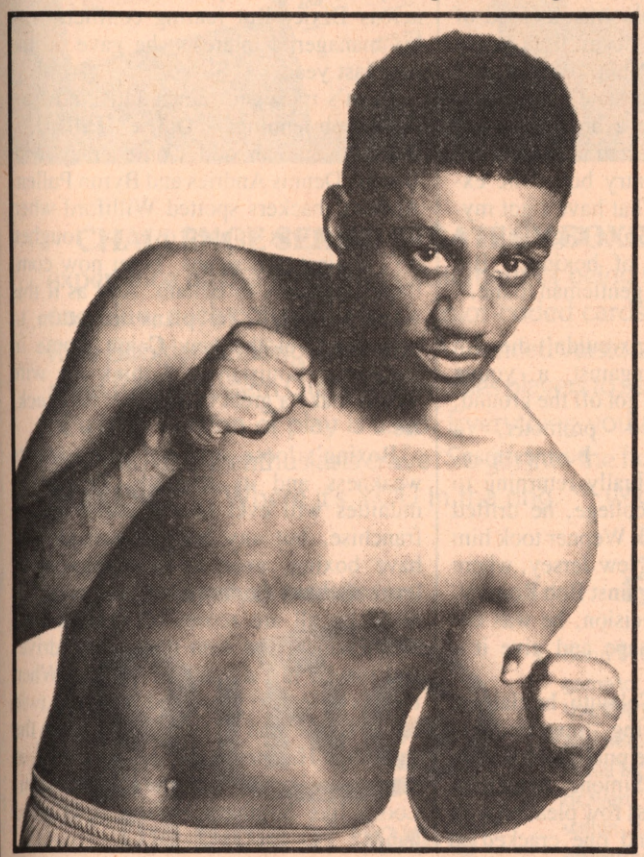
FOR JOHNNY BUMPHUS
Former WBA junior welterweight champion

Q: I have been following your comeback since you lost to Gene Hatcher. Although you've been winning, your opponents have been nobodies. Are you scared to fight a good fighter?
P.D.N., ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.

A: I lost my confidence for a while. At times, I was starting to wonder if I'd ever be able to fight like I used to. But in my last two fights, my confidence was back. I'm definitely title-bound and ready to fight whoever I have to fight to get the title back.

JOHNNY CARTER
SUPER BANTAMWEIGHT

A PRO SINCE 1977, JOHNNY (DANCING MACHINE) CARTER began to lose interest in his boxing career following a knockout loss to Jeff Chandler in their 1982 match for the WBA bantamweight title . . . "I didn't take it seriously after losing to Jeff. I lost my desire. Then, I started to look around at some of the contenders who wouldn't even box me in the gym a few years ago, and they were making it to the top. I took a good look in the mirror and asked myself, 'Are you gonna keep half-stepping or are you gonna go all out?' In the end I decided to rededicate myself." . . . Carter also feels that a move up in weight from 118 to 122 pounds has benefited him . . . "I'm much stronger at 122. I can still make 118, but I have to dry out to do it." . . . As his nickname indicates, Carter is a flashy stylist who has built a highly respectable 30-3 pro record, featuring 18 knockouts . . . He won the USBA bantamweight belt with a sixth-round kayo over Mark Pacheco in 1980, making one successful defense over Diego Rosario (W12) in '83 before being stripped of the title for inactivity . . . Carter is currently the Pennsylvania State super bantam champ, a title he won with an eighth round TKO over Francis Childs in '85 . . . Johnny, a personable fellow with a ready smile for everybody, is managed by Marty Feldman and trained by Jimmy Beecham . . . At 28-years-of-age, Carter knows that time is running out. However, he feels confident a world title is still within his grasp . . . "Tell the fans that the Dancing Machine has plugged in the jukebox again. I tried to be a slugger for a while (especially in his ill-fated challenge for Chandler's title), but now I'm back to what I do best—dancing and moving." □



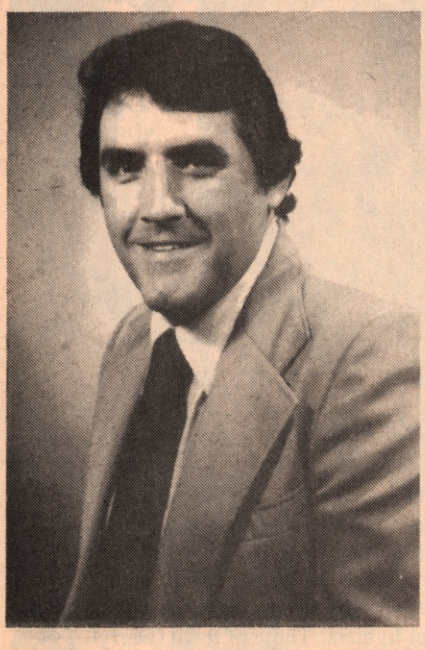
ANTHONY ENGLISH
JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT

AS ALL TRUE BOXING FANS KNOW, A FIGHTER'S WON-loss record can be very deceptive. A perfect example of this phenomenon is Camden, New Jersey's Anthony English. Although his pro log is a spotty 18-6-1 (11 kayoes), after winning the 130-pound division in the latest ESPN tournament, English is on the verge of a world ranking . . . All of Anthony's losses have been to excellent fighters. Three of them (Darryll Tyson, Jackie Beard and Francisco Tomas Cruz) were world-rated at the time they beat English . . . The 10-round decision loss to Tyson convinced English and his manager, Michael J. Garnick, that a move up to the 135-pound class was not in his best interest . . . "I learnt my lesson in that fight," admits Anthony. "I'm too small to fight lightweight, but as a junior lightweight I feel great." . . . He certainly looked great in the ESPN tourney, beating Derrick McGuire (KO1), J.L. Ivey (W10) and Don Caples (KO10) . . . The Caples knockout was an especially pleasing performance. Way behind on points, English, 26, finally caught up with the evasive speedster from Houston, staggering Caples with a series of rights in the ninth before finishing the job the next round . . . "I knew he (Caples) was young and I figured his stamina wasn't too good. It just took me longer than I thought for him to wear down." . . . Although his career is on the upswing, English still puts in eight hours a day in the dietary department of the Cooper River Hospital before going to the gym to workout with trainers Bill Hayward and Roman Fuller. But the day may be rapidly approaching when he can become a full-time fighter . . . "Winning the ESPN tournament was great. It let me know that I'm qualified to make it into the top ten, and maybe go all the way to the championship." □

IN THIS CORNER

by J.R. Jowett

Beau Williford (Manager-Trainer)



THE POSTMARKS ON HIS PRESS RELeases are reminiscent of an early Waylon Jennings tour, but it's not country music that Beau Williford is hyping. When he stuffs the mails out of places like Metairie, Louisiana, Greenville, South Carolina, and Meridian, Mississippi, there's been professional boxing there, and Beau makes sure the complacent cognoscenti "Up North" know about it.

"The South shall rise again" has been trumpeted since the early days of John L., and in a way, it has . . . in the boxing ring. Nearly dead less than two decades ago, the "Manly Art" has made a remarkable comeback in Dixie, helped in no small part by Beau Williford and his Southern Boxing Association.

But without that kind of grit, Beau wouldn't have gotten into boxing in the first place. Back in the 60s, the sport hardly ranked up there with stock car racing and basketball in his native state of North Carolina. In fact, it wasn't even legal, though (in fine "Boss Hogg" fashion) some areas had it anyway.

Beau remembers listening to fights on the car radio, and wanting to take part, as far back as he can recall. In his hometown of Fayetteville, boxing had a decidedly "Yankee" flavor: the U.S. Army at Ft. Bragg.

"If you were stationed at Ft. Bragg, you boxed," he asserts. Fortunately, the program was open to local kids as well as soldiers. Beau started at the age of eight, and claims 112 amateur bouts, from "paperweight" to light heavy, winning the Eastern Regional Golden Gloves in '66 at 178 pounds.

At age eighteen, Williford opted for a pro career. With little activity around home, he decided he'd have to journey North. But in a move that would have made a great "Dukes of Hazzard" script, he confused fame with infamy, electing the soon-to-become-notorious Gary Garafola as his manager. Turning down plane fare, the deferential kid hitch-hiked to New Jersey, where he found the club circuit colorful, to say the least.

His brief career went to 7-1 (being stopped by Willie Lee on the Curtis Cokes-Ramon LaCruz title card) before his manager's troubles cast Beau adrift. An alleged mobster, Garafola was accused of shooting his own meal ticket, light heavy contender Frankie DePaula, ostensibly to quiet him from turning state's evidence. This Beau didn't have a brother named Luke, and wasn't interested in heroics. "I was just a young country boy," he explains. "I thought, 'What have I got myself mixed up in?' " So he high-tailed it back home, and out of boxing. "But Garafola was always a gentleman to me," he emphasizes.

Still, the boxing bug wouldn't die. An abortive comeback against a young George Foreman never got off the ground, when the would-be promoter, a Washington, D.C., businessman, raise the funds. Eventually returning to New York to attend college, he drifted back to the gym. Chuck Wepner took him to a card in Kearney, New Jersey, where he ended up subbing against Bob Rooney. Though he lost the decision, he was encouraged to get in shape and give it a second try.

Training under Pat Colavito, he claimed eleven wins before being "imported" to Los Angeles to face the publicized Romanian defector, Mircea Simone. Beau took such a beating, the press row pleaded with him to stay down, and one cracked in print, "Whatever they paid him, it wasn't enough." But it was enough . . . of boxing, that is. He decided he didn't have it any more.

But the patient wasn't cured, only transfused. When an old friend from his New York days, Bill Sharkey, decided on a comeback and needed a manager, he called Beau. Why Beau? "That's what I wanted to know," Williford wondered. "You'll learn," Sharkey advised. He did! Sharkey had a successful comeback, until he took a fight on his own, and lost.

Next, Williford tried promoting, putting on a fight in Coldwater, Mississippi, between Donnie Franklin and Ronnie Peale. He earned $4.35, and an appreciation of what promoters are up against. But he rejects the suggestion that boxing, as a Black-dominated sport, has a handicap in the South.

"It's not a case of racism," he explains. "Southerners have historically liked a good fight. It's just that nobody was exciting them."

To create some excitement, Beau hit upon the idea of reviving the Southern Boxing Association, which had been defunct since the doldrums of the 60s, and sanctioning Southern Championships. From 1982 to '85, he worked tirelessly, as promotions erupted like brush fires across Dixie. But fearing conflicts with his managerial interests, he gave up the post last year.

Beau's manager/trainer duties now include Bob Jennings, "Quick" Tillis, J. J. Watters, and an odd Confederacy with Britons Dennis Andries and Byron Pullen. Andries' backers spotted Williford when the fighter was shipped over to "toughen up" against Americans. Beau now commutes regularly to Britain. And as if this weren't enough, he plans to return to promoting, at the new Cajun Dome in Lafayette, Louisiana. "I think my wife would make a great manager," he chuckles.

Boxing's loose structure is at once its weakness and its strength. Few communities will ever host a major league franchise, but any busy crossroads can have boxing, even on a championship level. Behind the few neon names recognized by all are scores of lesser-known businessmen/fans with dedication, drive, and maybe just a touch of lunacy. When Beau's wife Teri presented him with twin boys, Leslie and Wesley, right after the Bumphus-Hatcher fight, he was back at the screen in time for Bramble-Mancini. Looks like Southern boxing is in good hands! □

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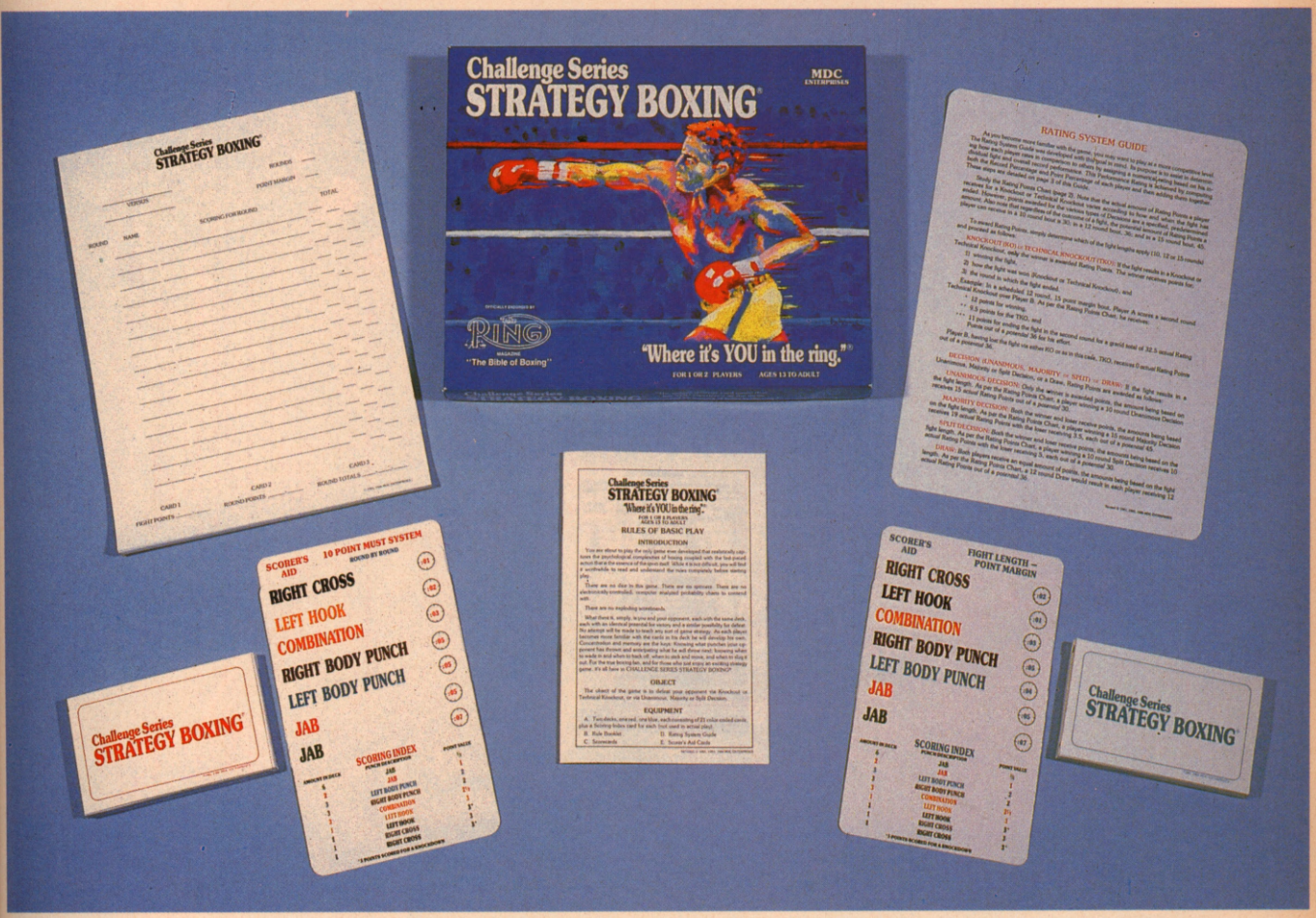

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